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The Mail Must Go Through, Long Standing Tradition Of The Railway Mail Service

Of the several branches of the postal service, the public as a whole is undoubtedly less familiar with the Railway Mail Service than any other branch. The reason for this is that no opportunity exists for the observation of the mechanics involved in the distribution of mail in Railway Post Office cars, Terminal Railway Post Offices, Highway Post Offices and Air Mail Field Post Offices, all of which come within the jurisdiction of the Railway Mail Service.

When the Continental Congress met in 1776, the Post Office Department was established and Benjamin Franklin was named the first Postmaster General. Franklin has been ordered to give a service to the people operated on a self-sustaining system of rates. Any time it became necessary, the rates were adjusted, either up or down. From this humble beginning — a \$100,000 business with only 75 post offices in 1780 — has grown the billion-dollar concern.

The first train in the United States was operated out of Baltimore in 1830, by the Baltimore & Ohio, but it was not until 1864 that the Post Office Department authorized George Armstrong, Assistant Postmaster at Chicago, to operate a postal car over the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad from Chicago to Clinton, Iowa. The first experiment with a postal car was so successful that the Postmaster General put Armstrong in charge of the Railway Mail Service. Railroads all over the country soon got Railway Post Office cars. In some of the larger cities, street cars were used as traveling post offices.

The Railway Mail Service is divided into 15 Divisions. Each Division consists of about three states, under the jurisdiction of a Division General Superintendent. The Divisions are divided into Districts, with a District Superintendent for each District. He supervises the work of the clerks under his jurisdiction, usually about 200 or 300, conducts examinations, makes assignments, and sees that clerks comply with orders of the Department. The entire personnel of the Railway Mail Service numbers about 30,000.

The Railway Post Office runs are usually designated by using the names of the cities between which the car and the clerks run. Some examples are: Chicago & Cincinnati; Cleveland & St. Louis; Little Rock & Fort

Worth; Ogden & San Francisco. Each run of a Railway Post Office carries a distinct postmark and date and, thus, to a large extent has all the attributes of a full fledged post office.

The Railway Mail Service may be termed the arteries of the postal service. It embraces the distribution of transit mail in railway systems, Highway Post Office routes and Air routes. It is an around-the-clock job, for continual distribution must be performed during each 24-hour period.

Patrons of the postal service understand, of course, that letters deposited in a mailbox anywhere are picked up at stated intervals and taken to the Post Office. After the postage stamp on each letter has been canceled and postmarked to show the office of origin and time, the letters for local delivery and air-mail service are withheld; and all others are sent to the Railway Post Office that can furnish the fastest transportation to the destination shown on the envelopes.

It is here the Railway Mail Service takes over. In the shortest possible time, each piece of mail is delivered to the person to whom it is addressed, whether it be through a general delivery window at some distant post office, at a business office in some great office building, or on some rural route reaching far into the country. Rarely does a piece of mail that is correctly addressed go astray or fail of delivery.

Railway postal clerks report for "advance" work in Railway Post Office cars some time prior to the scheduled departure of their train. Certain racks are "dressed" according to official diagrams, with pouches to enclose only first-class mail. Other racks are dressed with sacks to contain other classes of mail, and these are also arranged according to official diagrams.

All pouches and sacks are "labeled" to the office of destination, and the label indicates the contents; i.e., state, city, first class, newspapers or parcel post.

The "advance" time is further utilized in the distribution of mail received from the local post office, as well as mail received

from connecting railroads and airports, prior to departure. As the time of departure draws near, the final dispatch of mail is received from all points and the scheduled run of the Railway Post Office begins.

First attention is given to "local" mail. Mail addressed to offices located on the route of the run is arranged for dispatch. At stations where the train does not stop, mails are exchanged on the fly.

Mails are never delivered on station platforms from moving trains because of possible danger of injury to the public; but instead, are delivered at designated points from which the public is excluded. Pouches are caught on the fly by means of a catching device operated by the railway postal clerk performing local service.

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We Hope To Meet You At The Show

Yes, both Mrs. Linn and myself hope to meet you again at the big ASDA National Postage Stamp Show to be held in the 71st Infantry Regiment Armory at Park Ave. and 34th St. in New York City, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 18, 19 and 20.



GEORGE W. LINN

stamp show. Come if you possibly can.

Last year we printed a big edition for distribution at the show and to call attention to it. That paper was of forty pages. It carried eleven full page advertisements from leading dealers besides a full two page spread of smaller advertisements, largely from dealers who were not regular advertisers with us and hundreds of smaller advertisements from a single inch up to several of full half page size. The paper was one of the largest editions ever put out by any stamp publication anywhere. It was in two sections, being too large to print at one time, by our printers.

This year as I write this copy, in the latter part of October, I am told by our Sidney office that every indication is that we will run a bigger paper than last year. Already several full page advertisements are on hand and inquiries for other full page space, if all are closed will give us more full page advertisements than we ran last year.

This indicates that the stamp trade is in a healthy condition. That business is good and that stamp prices and values are sound. The dispersal of the Great Caspary collection during the latter part of this year and throughout next year will be at a time when prices will be at their peak and smart collectors should know that there is no better investment than fine stamps.

Based on what we know as this is being written we should have a paper this issue that is bigger and better than last year and what a paper this is as you can see from glancing through its pages. It is an issue that will not be lightly tossed aside. This paper can be your guide for months to come as to the leading stamp dealers whom you might want to patronize.

It is too big to scan through hastily, preserve it, look it over in your idle hours, you will find it filled with interesting offers and even though you are late in finding something of interest, try the dealer out, perhaps he has just what you want.

Our next big special edition will be for FIPEX in April 1956. At the present time our printers in Sidney are buying a big new press. This new press will print 40 pages of full newspaper size and turn them out in one complete paper. That means that this press will print 80 pages of our "tabloid" size and turn them out in one big paper.

It is our superior facilities for printing and production that has helped make Linn's Weekly Stamp News the largest stamp collectors publication in the whole world. No other publication in America has the facilities that can compete with our production facilities. This makes for lower production costs for us which permits us to carry on at the extremely low subscription price of only \$1 per year when all others ask double or triple that sum. It also permits us to give up to 50% more circulation than any other publication and at an advertising rate that is competitive with all other papers, in fact, at a rate per inch, per 1000 circulation that is the lowest of any publication.

It is these facts that has made Linn's Weekly America's Greatest Weekly Philatelic Newspaper.

All of this however could not be true and could not happen without the splendid support that we have had from the stamp dealers of America and from abroad.

Those who have been with us for a period of time have found that big circulation pays off in advertising returns. There is a mutual situation between our offices and the stamp dealers; we provide the vehicle for their offers and they provide the fares to ride in that vehicle and the result is pleasing to both them and to us.

Of this big issue 46,000 are being mailed direct to our regular subscribers and another 5000 will be distributed in New York at the show, making an edition of 51,000 probably the largest edition of any stamp collectors publication ever printed.

All this is possible only because of the complete cooperation of our great number of subscribers and their patronage of the great mass of dealers who find Linn's is a ready market place for their offers.

For years we have had an ambition to pass the 50,000 mark in paid subscriptions. We hope to reach this goal in 1956 when our sights will be set higher still and we will then start shooting for bigger game.

Our sincere thanks is offered to all who have helped make Linn's the greatest Philatelic Newspaper in the world.

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UN, Athletic Sets From South Korea

A unique feature of South Korea's United Nations 10th Anniversary commemorative set of October 24 is the frame for the UN emblem which occupies the central part of the design. It consists of a circle of two clasped hands.



Of two denominations, 20 hwan green and 55h light blue, these were tied to first day covers with a special UN Day cancellation at the Seoul post office of a cog-like design.



On October 23, advises Song Ki Choo, 3th Ga Nam Dai Moon St., Seoul, Korea, another pair was issued these with a double purpose. They marked the 6th National Athletic Meeting, and the 80th birthday of President Syngman Rhee.

In the design is an Olympic Torch and runners within a lozenge-shape frame denoting a running track. Values are 20h lake and 55h deep green. A special postmark was used at the Seoul post office for this set also.

China Releases Three For Chiang

October 31 was the first day of issue for a set of three commemoratives the Nationalist Chinese Republic prepared in honor of President Chiang Kai Shek. Unlike other recent issues from this government on the Island of Formosa, these are printed by photogravure.

Manufacturing was in the hands of the Japan Ministry of Finance Printing Bureau on unwatermarked paper in sheets of 50 subjects. These are gummed.

A portrait of President Chiang within a wide, ornate frame is common to all values. In the four



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Dec. 20—Andrew W. Mellon 3c,
Washington, D. C.
Jan. 10—Woodrow Wilson 7c,
Staunton, Va. (100 per pane).

ALREADY ISSUED

1030—Benjamin Franklin 1/2c,
Washington, D. C., October 20.
1043—Robert E. Lee 30c, Nor-
folk, Va. September 21.
1044—John Marshall 40c, Rich-
mond, Va., September 24.
1045—50c Liberty Series, Louis-
ville, Ky., August 25.
1046—Patrick Henry 1c, Joplin,
Mo., October 7.
1064—Art Academy 3c, Phila-
delphia, Pa., January 15.
1065—Land Grant Colleges 3c,
East Lansing, Mich. February 12.
1066—Rotary 8c, Chicago, Ill.
February 23.
1067—Armed Forces Reserve
3c, Washington, D. C., May 21.
FA-1—Certified Mail 15c Wash-
ington, D. C., June 6.
1068—Stone Face 3c, Franconia,
N.H., June 21.
1069—Soo Locks 3c, Sault Ste.
Marie, Mich., June 28.
1070—Atoms For Peace, 3c
Washington, D.C., July 28.
1071—3c Ft. Ticonderoga, Ft.
Ticonderoga, N. Y. September 18.
UNITED NATIONS
Dec. 9—Human Rights com-
mem.

To obtain First Day Covers collectors can send a reasonable quantity, each with a name and address, and enclosing a sticker to the Postmaster of the designated first day city with a request for FD Service. Payment must accompany to cover the face value of the stamps to be affixed. For UN and Canadian first days, watch the news stories on these and follow instructions.

corners of each stamp, in red is a "Shou" a symbol for longevity. Denominations and other colors are 40c brown and blue; \$2 blue and green; \$7 green and brown. There are 19 million of the low value and half a million each of the high.



The three stamps have also been printed in the form of a souvenir sheet to the tune of 20,000 copies with a \$9.40 face value.

Orders for the stamps and souvenir sheet are welcomed at the Philatelic Desk, Post Office, Taipei, Taiwan. Orders must be accompanied with payment in bank notes, travelers checks, or bank drafts. One United States dollar is equal to \$24.68 Chinese currency.

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175a .30	309a .45	1.00	1.00
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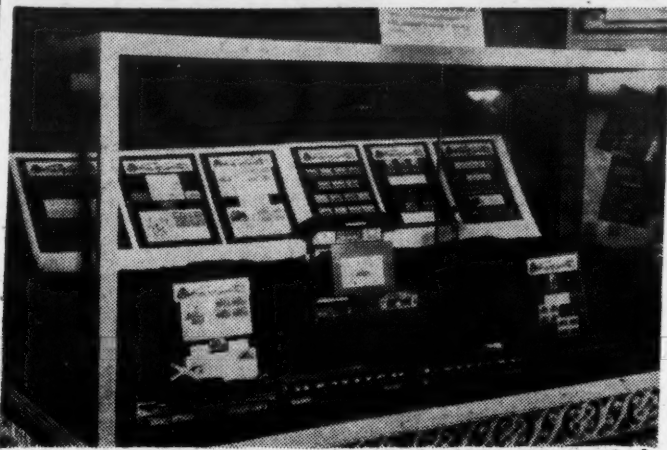
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Paintings Of Dutch Children On Netherlands Semipostals; Dutch Guinea Red Cross Set

Fetching portraits of Dutch children will grace the five semipostal stamps the Netherlands will issue November 14 in its annual set "Voor Het Kind" (for the child). This is the first time that formal portraits by recognized artists have been adapted to stamp designs of this series begun in 1924. Sale will continue until January 13 at all Netherlands post offices after which time they will be withdrawn. Designs were prepared from the original paintings by S. L. Hartz of Haarlem.

On the 2c plus 3c green is William van Loon painted by Dirck Dirckz, Santvoort (1610-1680). The 5c plus 3c red, portrait of a boy by Jacob Andriaanszoon Backer (1608-1651) Portrait of a girl by an unknown South Netherlands master, appears on the 7c plus 5c brown. Adriaan Hanneman's (1601-1671) painting of Philips Huygens is on the 10c plus 5c blue, while the same artist is responsible for the portrait of Constantijn Huygens on the 25c plus 8c purple.



Printing will be by photogravure in two colors; the second color, which is related to the main one, will only be applied to emphasize the latter and to give more depth to the whole composition.

Sheets will contain 100 subjects on paper without watermark. J. Enschede en Zonen of Haarlem are the printers.

Collectors can purchase mint sets at 20c each (U.S. currency) plus return postage from the Philatelic Service, Kortenaerskade 12, The Hague, Netherlands.

On Nov. 1 and with sales continuing through January 31 Netherlands New Guinea will issue three semipostals to aid the New Guinea Red Cross.

For this purpose the well-known Bird of Paradise stamps have been overprinted in red with the values and the emblem of the Red Cross.

The three denominations are 5c plus 5c; 10c plus 10c and 15c plus 10c.

The stamps will be valid for postage until December 31, 1956.

Price of the set is 15c (U.S.) and can be obtained from the Philatelic Service, address above.

Folders of each issue of Netherlands and Netherlands New Guinea postage stamps are sent on request to interested collectors. The envelopes are franked in a manner which is highly attractive.

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Norway's King, Queen Celebrate

Norway has revealed a set of two commemoratives to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Ascension to the throne of King Haakon VII and Queen Maud. The first day of issue will be November 25 — however the postal administration will not supply first day covers.



In the design will be a reproduction of their majesties at the time of their coronation in Trondheim in their royal robes and carrying the symbols of office.

Denominations are to be 30 ore red and 550 blue with a printing of four million of the low and one and a half of the high values.

Printing is to be on paper without watermark by photogravure, in sheets of fifty, by Emil Moestue A/S of Oslo.

Sets at face value plus return postage and registration can be gotten from the philatelic agency. Address requests and payments to Postverkets Frimerkesalg til Samlere, Oslo, Norway.

There are 7 kroner to one U. S. dollar. Each set will cost 13c face value. Postage must be included. Surface mail to Norway is 8c per ounce; airmail is 15c per half ounce.

Bolivian Postal Tax Stamps For Airports

Bolivia wants new and improved airports and in order to finance the project has issued two postal tax stamps with which to raise funds. These were issued about

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V. ReZnicsek, Casilla 1503, La Paz Bolivia, who sent news of the stamps, advises that his country has released postal tax stamps

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500 Egypt* 49.50	100 Mauritania 3.50	400 Tunisia 2.75
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*614	3.25	731	4.35	614	.46	901	.47	979	.18
*615	4.90	732	1.15	615	.50	902	1.19	980	.31
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*621	2.20	738	.59	621	1.35	908	.19	1021	.32
*622	.23	739	.99	622	1.45	909	1.38	1022 to 1029	
*623	.32	740	.90	623	1.50	910	.46	any No. ea.	.16
*624	3.45	741	1.85	624	1.80	911	.32	1060	.16
*625	.73	742	2.10	625	1.10	912	.32	1061	.16
*626	.81	743	2.55	626	1.95	913	.32	1062	.20
*627	.64	744	2.70	627	1.30	914	.32	1063 to 1071	
*628	.74	745	4.60	628	1.75	915	.32	any No. ea.	.16
*629	.74	746	1.45	629	2.85	916	.90	*C7	1.40
*630	.99	747	1.55	630	5.35	917	.85	*C8	2.10
*631	2.75	748	.33	631	.70	918	.85	*C9	3.40
*632	4.40	749	.33	632	.90	919	.70	C16	2.50
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*643	3.30	760	.22	643	.85	930	.08	C33	.28
*644	1.55	761	.83	644	.85	931	.16	C34	.55
*645	1.45	762	.68	645	.85	932	.16	C35	.70
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*647	1.00	764	.18	647	.85	934 to 957		C38	1.45
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*658	.54	775	.13	658	.85	967	.21	E15	.78
*659	1.35	776	.06	659	.85	968	.31	E16	1.07
*660	2.18	777	.13	660	.85	969	.20	E17	.89
*661	.32	778	.13	661	.85	970	.18	E18	1.25
*662	2.50	779	.15	662	.85	971	.27	E19	1.10
*663	3.50	780	.36	663	.85	972	.22	E20	1.08
*664	2.20	781	.90	664	.85	973	.40	FA1	1.49
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231	2c Columbian	2.02
232	3c Columbian	5.31
233	1c Trans-Miss.	4.12
234	2c Trans-Miss.	2.97
235	3c Trans-Miss.	15.30
236	1c Pan American	1.80
237	2c Pan American	1.80
238	3c Pan American	14.75
239	4c Pan American	14.75
240	5c Pan American	25.20
241	1c Violet	4.28
242	2c Violet	4.28
243	3c Violet	4.41
244	4c Violet	4.28
245	5c Violet	3.51
246	1c Orange	57.50
247	2c Orange	4.50
248	3c Orange	6.30
249	4c Orange	6.08
250	5c Orange	5.85
251	1c Louisiana	14.40
252	2c Louisiana	17.10
253	3c Louisiana	46.00
254	4c Louisiana	7.11
255	5c Louisiana	8.55
256	1c Lincoln Perf.	1.12
257	2c Lincoln Perf.	2.43
258	3c Lincoln Perf.	1.53
259	4c Lincoln Perf.	.90
260	5c Lincoln Perf.	.68
261	1c Pan Pacific	1.80
262	2c Pan Pacific	1.80
263	3c Pan Pacific	16.65
264	4c Pan Pacific	3.78
265	5c Pan Pacific	.90
266	1c Black	4.28
267	2c Black	1.98
268	3c Black	2.43
269	4c Black	2.25
270	5c Black	2.43
271	1c Green	5.04
272	2c Green	4.95
273	3c Green	3.60
274	4c Green	3.06
275	5c Green	45.00
276	1c Carmine & Black	41.40
277	2c Carmine & Black	11.70
278	3c Carmine & Black	5.22
279	4c Carmine & Black	1.89
280	5c Carmine & Black	8.77
281	1c Olive	3.38
282	2c Olive	6.75
283	3c Olive	16.40
284	4c Olive	31.00
285	5c Olive	.63
286	1c Harding Imperf.	.90
287	2c Harding Imperf.	3.83
288	3c Harding Imperf.	.85
289	4c Harding Imperf.	1.48
290	5c Harding Imperf.	10.80
291	1c Lexington	.99
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		Mint	Used
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246-253	1c-10c Trans-Miss.	—	4.94
254-299	1c-10c Pan American	75.15	15.84
300-311	1c-10c 1902 Issue	—	6.87
312-327	1c-10c Louisiana	98.75	20.43
328-330	1c-5c Jamestown	—	4.68
331-342	1c-10c Perf 12s	—	8.61
343-347	1c-5c Imperfs	35.60	8.22
348-357	2c Lincoln, Perf. & Imperf.	12.38	2.83
358-367	2c Alaska, Perf. & Imperf.	16.38	4.04
368-373	2c Hudson, Perf. & Imperf.	14.04	3.41
374-383	1c-2c Imperfs.	8.68	.28
384-409	1c-10c Pan Pacific	50.85	12.24
410-404	1c-10c Perf. 10	—	5.45
405-9	1c, 2c Imperfs.	1.08	.11
410-413	4 diff. Coils.	Pairs	5.08
414-428	8c-10c perf 12s	—	10.08
429-440	1c-50c Perf. 10s	—	4.61
441-4	4 diff. Coils	Pairs	6.91
462-478	1c-10c Perf. 10s Unwmkd.	—	14.23
479	\$2 Blue Perf. 10	56.00	14.00
480	\$5 Green Perf. 10	53.00	13.25
481-483	1c, 2c, 3c Imperfs.	5.40	1.33
484-497	1c-10c Coils (9) Diff.	Pairs	2.98
498-518	1c-10c Perf. 11s	55.97	13.74
519-9	1c, 2c, 3c, Perf 11s	1.02	.24
520-5	1c, 2c, 3c Imperfs.	15.93	3.87
521-5	1c, 2c, 5c Pilgrims	14.35	3.07
522-5	1/2c-5c Perf. 11s	—	26.63
523-577	1c, 1 1/2c, 2c Imperfs.	4.86	1.19
578-591	1c-10c Perf. 10	25.00	6.25
592-606	1c-10c Coils	Pairs	1.17
607-612	3 Diff. Hardings	9.50	2.32
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617-619	1c, 2c, 5c Lexingtons	8.37	1.97
620-1	2c, 5c Norse	11.38	2.83
621-3	13c, 17c Flat	3.51	.89
622-9	3 Diff. Commems	5.49	1.27
623-42	1c-10c Rotaries	5.59	1.37
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653-50	2c, 5c Aeronautics	2.70	.66
654-6	3 Diff. Edison's Coil Pair	2.24	.87
655-668	1c-10c Kansas	—	11.75
669-679	1c-10c Nebraska	—	14.55
680-3	7 Diff. Commems	2.95	.73
681-701	11c-50c Rotaries	21.88	5.47
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716-19	4 Diff. Commems	1.55	.38
720-29	6 Diff. Commems	1.76	.45
730-39	8 Diff. Commems	4.61	1.18
740-49	1c-10c Parks Perf.	5.22	1.29
750-5	2 Diff. Imperfs.	.93	.23
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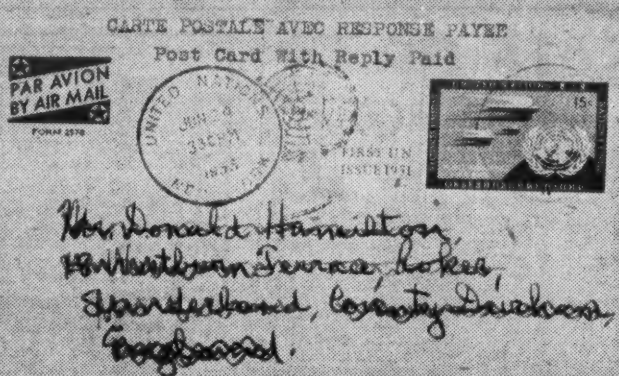
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Prepaid reply postal cards offer opportunities for interesting personal collections by philatelists which are available in no other manner. Here is the legal round-the-world cover. They are authorized for use in any Universal Postal Union country.

Three varieties are available in the United States for international mail, viz: 2c, 3c, and privately printed. The 2c is for use to Canada and Mexico. The 3c is for use to all other countries. These are an old printing, and to meet the current 4c rate it is necessary to affix a 1c stamp to both sides of these cards.

Privately printed cards must have stamps affixed to both sides for the required postage, viz: 2c to Canada and Mexico, and 4c to all other countries. If it is desired to send airmail, the rate is the same as for a letter of minimum weight. There is no provision for prepaying the return by airmail.

Primarily, these cards are designed to provide an easy means for a reply to be made. They do that, too. All that is necessary is to write a short message and post the card. Return address already provided, as well as postage.

The UPU regulations authorize the return of the entire card, both message and reply parts, without any additional postage. Of course, it is only entire cards which are of special interest to collectors. It is desirable to have the reply part backstamped upon receipt. If all the cancellations are legible, it becomes a splendid record. For U.S. residents a card to Ceylon and return will be approximately round-the-world. It is something like putting a message in a bottle and tossing it in the ocean — you hope it will return to you some day.

I have made use of these cards for a couple of years and generally with success. Not infrequently stamps have been affixed to the reply part; and in some cases, the message and reply parts have been separated and only the reply part returned.

Cards sent to the following countries have been returned satisfactorily: New Zealand, Finland, Pakistan, Luxembourg, People's Republic of China, Malaya, France, Poland, Brazil, Germany (DDR), Great Britain, Netherlands New Guinea, and Spain. Local stamps were affixed on the reply cards in the following countries: Iran, Portuguese India, and Yugoslavia. The reply card only was received from Canada and USSR. The reply card only, with local stamps affixed, was received from Sweden and Australia.

In reply to inquiries, the Australian Postal Administration advised the applicable UPU regulations had been called to the attention of their local employees and there should not be a repetition of the incident. In the case of the Canadian Postal Administration, it was stated that although the UPU regulations provide for the return of both halves of the reply-paid postal card, the practice is not followed in Canada.

I feel sure that in most cases non-compliance with the UPU regulations is due to ignorance. Even in several of our own large city main post offices only a few employees have any knowledge of these international prepaid reply postal cards. Therefore, I have found it desirable to type the following on the message part: "This is an international prepaid reply postal card, authorized by Universal Postal Union regulations. Do not separate these cards. Cross out your name and address, and fold so that my name and address shows. Do not fasten these cards together in any manner. Do not put any stamps on this card. Write your message on reverse and post this card." I imagine this notice frequently is effective with the postmaster as well as with my correspondent.

Privately printed cards offer the additional advantage that your favorite U.S. stamps may be affixed to them and later become a part of your collection. The requirements for these are specified in Part 212.5 and 219.3 of the Postal Manual. Briefly, the size and weight should be the same as an ordinary postal card, the fold must be at the top, the message half must

have printed thereon: "Carte Postale avec Reponse Payee. Postal Card with Paid Reply", and the reply half must have printed thereon: "Carte Postale Reponse. Reply Postal Card." I simply type these headings on the cards.

The United Nations Postal Administration operates under the same regulations as the United States; and so I have extended my use of privately printed international prepaid reply postal cards to the UN. This is gradually becoming a most interesting and unique collection. On June 24, 1955, my first prepaid reply postal card was forwarded from the UN New York office to Donald Hamilton, Sunderland, England; the UN stamps on the reply part were cancelled in England July 18, 1955; and the card was backstamped in the U.S. on August 4, 1955. Since then I have sent a number of similar cards through the UN postoffice.

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348-351	(4)	1908 Colls	12.46 12.56
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367-369	(3)	Lincoln	11.96 10.60
370-371	(2)	Alaska-Y.	3.96 1.86
372-373	(2)	Hudson P.	2.46 1.86
374-382	(9)	1910 SLW.	14.46 3.46
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397-400	(4)	1913 Pan. Pac.	11.26 1.86
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441-447	(7)	1914 Colls	19.86 9.76
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477	(1)	5c ERROR	39.46
478	(1)	50c Frank.	48.56 4.96
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481-484	(4)	Imperator	2.06 1.86
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498-518	(21)	Perf. 11	12.76 1.36
519	(1)	2c D. Wmk.	12.46
520	(1)	\$2 Orange	37.46 13.76
521-541	(21)	\$5 Frank.	11.96 1.76
542	(1)	Imperator	3.76 3.16
543-544	(2)	Compounds	2.96 2.86
545	(1)	1c Rotary	4.76
546	(1)	\$2 Frank.	9.46 1.86
547-550	(4)	Pilgrims	2.96 1.86
551-572	(22)	1922 Issue	29.46 1.76
573-577	(5)	Imperator	1.16 1.06
578-586	(9)	1923 Colls	1.56 .36
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613-616	(4)	Walloons	3.06 3.06
617-619	(3)	Lexington	1.86 1.76
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622-623	(2)	Commem.	1.16 .66
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658-660	(3)	Kansas	11.86 9.46
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Australia's latest 3½d commemorative celebrating the centenary of the first stamp of South Australia was released on October 17. The new arrival is printed in a rich dark yellow green and reproduces the original South Australia No. 1, but with a portrait of Queen Elizabeth substituted for that of Queen Victoria.

Dealers have noticed strong demand for all "stamp centenary" issues ever since the first set pertaining to this fascinating topic, Great Britain #252-257.

Speaking of Australia, a new QEII 7½d is said to be printed and waiting for early release. Australia also plans to reissue, in a new color, the 2 shillings stamp originally released last December to draw attention to the Olympic Games to be held in Melbourne during 1956.

According to Postmaster General Anthony, the new Olympic stamp will be released on November 30 and will be green instead of the original deep blue. The design is Richard L. Beck's Olympic Games Invitation poster and a very nice job indeed. The 2 shillings rate pays Australia's basic airmail rate on letters to virtually all other countries including the United States. 3,204,320 copies of the dark blue Olympic stamp were sold.

Here are some other figures on recent Australian commemoratives.

Royal Visit 3½d	79,877,280
7½d	1,908,640
2/-	4,611,280
Telegraph 3½d	39,994,320
Red Cross 3½d	36,878,040
West Australia 3½d	38,253,480
Steam Railroad 3½d	37,514,640
Antarctic 3½d	64,635,960

Union of South Africa. December 1 will be the day of issue for South Africa's new 2d "Union Covenant" commem. In a reversal of previously declared policy of printing all stamps with bi-lingual inscriptions, this new arrival will be in alternate English and Afrikaans copies in sheets of 120 subjects. The period of sale will be only one month while the actual celebration will be held December 13 to 18 at Pietermaritzburg, a stronghold of Afrikaaner nationalism.

During the festival period, a special commemorative postmark showing an outline drawing of the original "Church of the Vow" will be used by the temporary mobile post office which will operate on the festival grounds. The stamp's design shows a Boer at the right and the Boer flag at the left.

The "Church of the Vow" was built in fulfillment of a pledge made prior to the famous "Battle of Blood River" against the native chief Dingaan in 1838. The special commemorative postmark will read "Geloftekerk/Church of the Vow/Pietermaritzburg".

New Zealand has scheduled another commemorative set, consisting of three values, for January release. This issue will commemorate the centenary of the "Southland" province of New Zealand. The 2d blue green shows a marine scene in Foveaux Strait with a sailing ship in the background, while in the foreground a party of whalers in a small boat attack a huge whale.

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The 8d will be bi-colored, purple and red, will be of a smaller size and feature a takhe bird, also known as notornis, which is native to the province to be honored.

New Zealand's always low-priced commemorative sets enjoy great popularity with collectors everywhere and many of them have proven to be first-rate from the investment angle, too.

One of the most popular fields in Philately today is the collecting of commemoratives issued by a number of different countries for one and the same occasion. There were the Peace & Victory issues, the F.D.R. memorial group, the highly popular U.P.U. 75th Anniversary issues and the Marian Year sets.

During most of 1955, the Rotary Golden Anniversary issues captured the fancy of a very large number of American collectors. Of the countries contained in Scott's Volume I, only Australia (#278) and Egypt (#378, 379) participated in the Rotary celebrating. The current sensation on New York's Nassau Street are the United Nations 10th Anniversary emissions.

Amongst the first dozen countries which have arrived thus far, only one has come from a component of the British Empire.

Pakistan has overprinted two stamps with four lines in blue: TENTH ANNIVERSARY UNITED NATIONS 24.10.55". The basic stamps are #69, 1½a Emperor Jahangir's mausoleum, and 12a, the top value of the recent Industrial sets, showing the "Sui" gas development.

A special commemorative postmark was used for Malta's Trade Fair on September 22.

Reading, Pa. Place Of SPA Mid-Year Meet

Following the successful venture of the Mid-Year Meeting idea last spring in Binghamton, N. Y., the Society of Philatelic Americans will continue the policy of two sessions per year. The 1956 spring get-together will be held in Reading, Penna., with the Reading Stamp Collectors Club, S.P.A. Branch No. 260, as the host club.

This gives more of the members the opportunity to meet with the officers, meet other S.P.A. members, and become active in society affairs.

The Reading exhibition will hold more than 400 frames. There will be a bourse of twelve dealers. Elmer L. Smith, 300 N. Sixth St., Reading, Penna. is general chairman.

At the annual convention at Louisville there were five invitations for the '56 August Convention. Birmingham, Ala., Detroit, Mich., Grand Rapids, Mich., Little Rock, Ark., and Long Beach, Calif. The site will be announced within the next ten days.

For further details on the Mid-Year Meeting in Reading write to the executive secretary, J. Edw. Vining, P. O. Box 10385, Tampa, 9, Fla.

Merchantville Elects Walter Schwarz Prexy

Walter Schwarz was chosen by his fellow members of the Merchantville, N. J. Stamp Club as president for the next fiscal year. Assisting him in the affairs of the group are vice president William Mullowney; treasurer Alan Gallagher; and secretary Clifford Bieber.

Meetings of the club are held at the Grace Episcopal Church in Merchantville. Visitors are welcome.

Catalog Devoted To Rocket Mail

From publisher F. Fritz Billig, 168-39 Highland Ave., Jamaica 3, N. Y. has come the newest of his specialized catalogs, this one, "Rocket Mail and Historical Survey of First Experiments in Rocketry".

It was written by the late Stephen H. Smith with corrections and additions to this second revised presentation by Dr. Max Kronstein and J. Dellenbag. It is available from Mr. Billig at \$3 per copy.

Contents include some historical background of rocketing and the current status of this transportation. There follows a cataloging with interesting descriptive paragraphs of the rocket stamps which have been produced and used, by the various nations where such flights were held.

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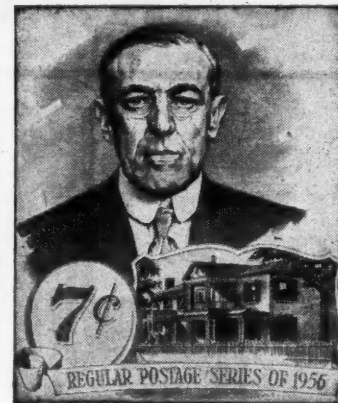
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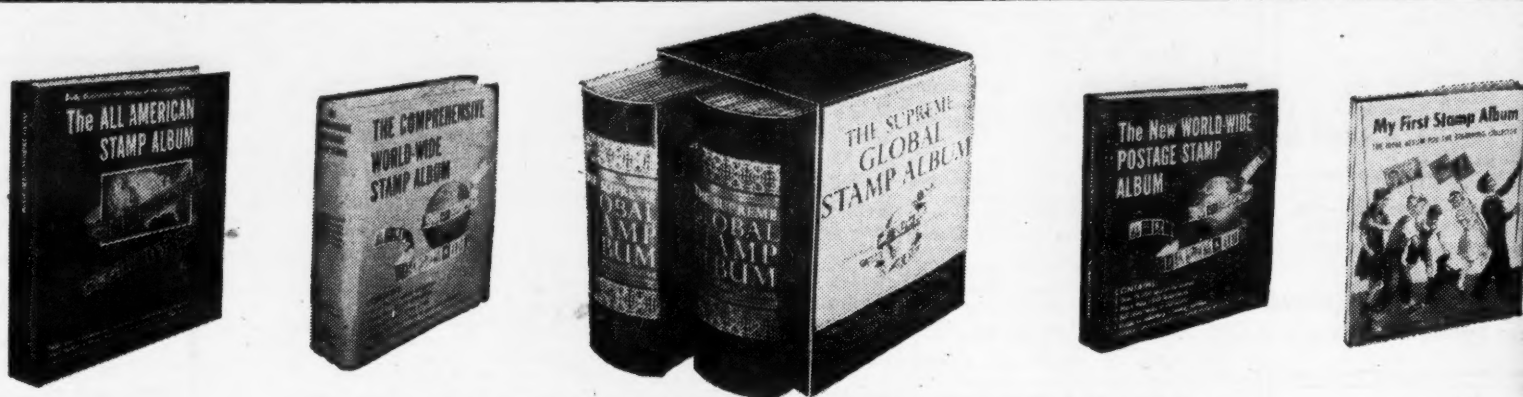
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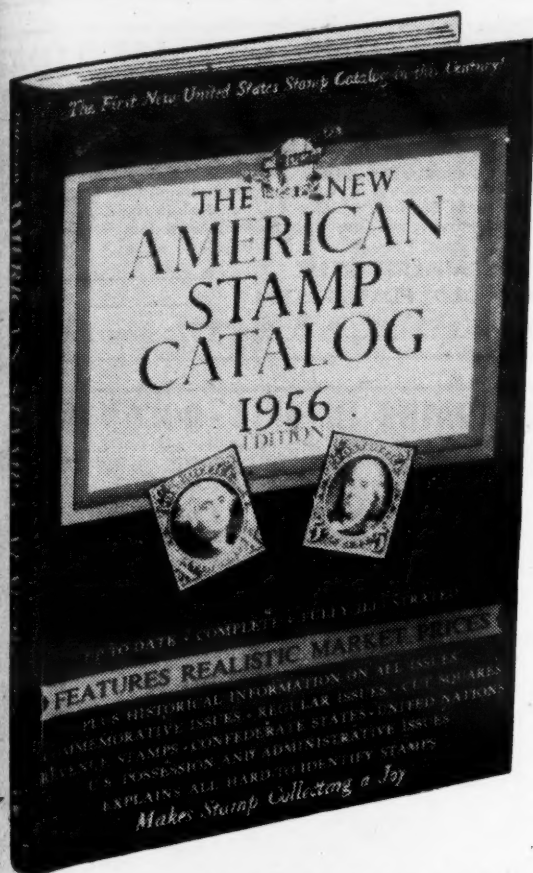
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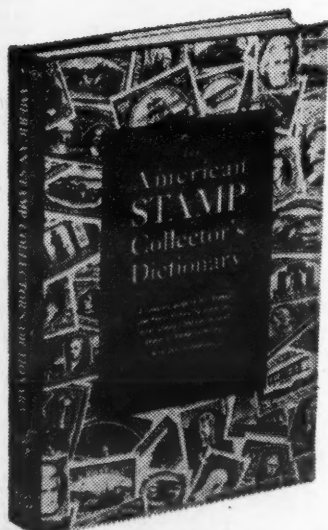


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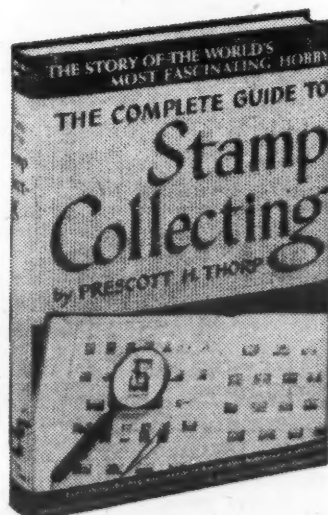


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PLATE BLOCK THOUGHTS and COMMENTS

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PLATE NUMBER REPORT

It was only recently since the last plate number report appeared in this column, but never before, in such a short period, did we receive so many letters and postcards from collectors, from various parts of the country, reporting new plate numbers and positions, not previously listed here. Such enthusiastic response is indeed gratifying. It does point out that there is a far greater interest by more collectors of plate blocks in the regular issues than previously anticipated.

Of course the greatest following is with the commemorative stamps. I therefore think that this is a good indication of the increasing interest in plate numbers of all other issues of U. S. postage stamps. Each collector should feel, from this showing, that from time to time the ranks of the plate number field keep increasing to greater numbers. It will also help to dispel the opinions of doubting Thomases about the strength and following of plate number collectors.

With the appearance of the recent additions of the 30c, 40c, 50c, 1.00 and the 1/2c values of the Liberty series, many collectors were alerted to prompt reporting of new numbers and positions. In addition to that, new plates have been reported on the 2c and 3c, as follows:

2c Jefferson — SC#1033 — The first ten plate numbers have been previously reported in all positions, from #25046 through #25080. These numbers follow:

#25129	UL	UR	LR	LL
#25130	UL	UR	LR	LL
#25131	UL	UR	LR	LL
#25132	UL	UR	LR	LL
#25137	UL	UR	LR	LL
#25138	UL	UR	LR	LL
#25143	UL	UR	LR	LL
#25144	UL	UR	LR	LL

3c Liberty — SC#1034 — The first 46 plate numbers have been listed complete, up to date, in all positions, from #24943 through #25111. Here are the plate numbers that follow:

#25112	UL	UR	LR	LL
#25113	UL	UR	LR	LL
#25114	UL	UR	LR	LL
#25115	UL	UR	LR	LL
#25116	UL	UR	LR	LL
#25117	UL	UR	LR	LL
#25118	UL	UR	LR	LL
#25119	UL	UR	LR	LL

4c Lincoln — SC#1035 — We are still looking for these two positions to be reported: #25081 LR and #25082 LR. The other 14 out of 16 positions in the four plate numbers printed to date have been previously reported.

30c R. E. Lee — SC#1043 — Gray:
#25251 UL UR LR LL
#25252 UL UR LR LL

40c John Marshall — SC#1044 — Brown:
#25249 UL UR LR LL
#25250 UL UR LR LL

50c Susan B. Anthony — SC#1045 — Purple:
#25231 UL UR LR LL
#25232 UL UR LR LL

\$1 Patrick Henry — SC#1046 — Purple:
#25257 UL UR LR LL
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Grateful acknowledgement is extended to the following, who have contributed with reports of new plate numbers and positions: Peter Thomas Fisher, Irving Lerman, William Walsko, James E. Leasure, Jr., William H. Webb, Samuel Post, H. W. Breathitt, Stanley H. Waite and E. E. Schmidt.

Austrian Group To Show Prize Winning Displays

An exhibition of the stamps of Austria is the feature of the November 14 meeting of the Austria Philatelic Society. A number of the displays are of prize-winning collections at national and international stamp shows. A short talk will be given about each. The session is to be held in the Collectors Club, 22 E. 35th St., New York City at 8 p.m. Interested persons are invited to attend.

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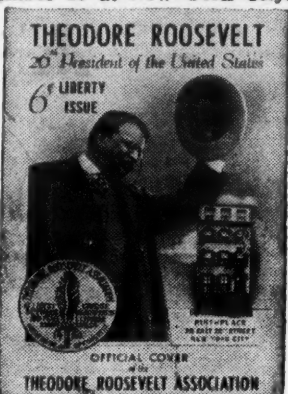
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Gunesch-Coda Bureau Catalog

For the collector of Bureau Issue precancels there is now the Gunesch-Coda Standard Catalog of these emissions, available from the Gunesch-Coda Standard House, Inc., 30 W. Washington St., Chicago 2, Ill. at \$1 per copy.

Intention of the publishers is to produce a revised edition of the reference book twice each year with editions appearing in January and July.

With the advent of the Liberty Series for regular postage Bureau Precancels of this type will be coming in ever increasing quantities. For the past issues the catalog will reflect the market to its user in a more satisfactory manner than the previously unreliable method of release of the precancel catalogs.

A feature of the book is the method for keeping various series to themselves and at the same time making them instantly recognizable for inspection. As for instance, the Defense and War issues are listed on blue paper, the Liberties on goldenrod, Experimentals and "Large Old Styles" on white, and the Small Old Styles on canary.

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1956 Edition Of Gibbons' Two Reigns

Many collectors who pursue the colorful stamps of the British Commonwealth of Nations have confined their starting points to either the issues of the reign of King George VI, or more recently, his daughter, Queen Elizabeth II.

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Several organizations will bring important displays to the Armory; the Post Office Department, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the United Nations Postal Administration, the National Philatelic Museum and the Smithsonian Institution.

The POD's exhibit will be contained in thirty frames and for the most part will show material which most collectors know as rarities and seldom seen in the quantity and quality here. In fact, there will be some items which are only possible for the Department alone to own.

One of the most interesting "live" exhibitions is that of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Skilled stamp printers use equipment to produce actual postage stamps. These same artisans answer the many questions of visitors pertaining to making engraved postage stamps, and have at their disposal actual dies and plates which they freely show.

However, the stamps they print are well guarded, and subsequently destroyed.

Unless one wants to spend his or her entire time in the Lecture Hall, it will take some difficult deciding which of the programs are to be attended and which missed. Nearly every one of them is of compelling general interest. Some specialized programs have been prepared by specialist societies — those collecting in such fields will want to check these off as musts.

Peter G. Keller, executive sec-

retary of the ASDA, and general chairman of the show, has announced that Roosevelt will be the theme of this exhibition. Under the direction of Bernard Davis, art director, a splendid display of Roosevelt stamps and covers has been provided for the Court of Honor.

This material will comprise a massive display of 48 frames of stamps, covers, and philatelic items of unusual appeal selected from the leading collections throughout the United States.

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POST OFFICE DISPLAY (Continued from page 1)

Exposition issue of 1904, sheets of 1c, 2c, and 3c. Scott Nos. 323-324-325.

Frame 2—Louisiana Purchase Exposition issue of 1904, sheets of 5c and 10c. Scott Nos. 326-327; Jamestown Exposition issue of 1907, sheets of 1c, 2c, and 5c. Scott Nos. 328-330.

Frame 3—5c Imperforates of 1909, Scott No. 347; 2c Lincoln Perforate and Imperforate Issues and the 2c Lincoln Blue Paper, Scott Nos. 367-368-369.

Frame 4—Blue Paper issues of 1909, 1c, 2c, 3c, and 4c. Scott Nos. 357-360.

Frame 5—Blue Paper issues of 1909, 5c, 6c, and 8c values. Scott Nos. 361-363.

Frame 6—Blue Paper issues of 1909, 10c, 13c, and 15c values. Scott Nos. 364-366.

Frame 7—1908-09 Imperforates,

1c through 4c. Scott Nos. 343-346. Frame 8—Alaska Yukon, both perforate and imperforate, as well as the Hudson Fulton, perforate and imperforate. Scott Nos. 370-73.

Frame 9—Panama Pacific Issue of 1912-13, Perforated 12, 1c through 10c. Scott Nos. 397-400.

Frame 10—1c 3/19/12 perforate with a tracing wheel (Kansas City Roulette); 2c perforate 11 of 1915; and 1c and 2c coil stamp sheets, 9/5/14.

Frame 11—1912-19 issues, \$1; \$2 orange & black; 5c green and black—in complete sheets; and a block of 25 of the \$2 carmine and black, all with portrait of Franklin.

Frame 12—5c error, 3/23/17, perforate 11. Scott No. 499; 1c flat plate, 3/23/17, Scott No. 498; and the 3c offset, Scott No. 529.

Frame 13—Blocks of four of the overprinted "Shanghai China" stamps of 1917-19, Scott Nos. K1-K16 complete; and the 3c Victory of 1919, Scott No. 537.

Frame 14—Sheet of 400, 2c 1922-26 Imperforate.

Frame 15—Sheet of 360, 2c 1922-26 booklet panes, Imperforate and Uncut. Scott No. 554c.

Frames 16 to 25—The Farley Parks in imperf, un gummed sheets of four panes (200 subjects), 1c to 10c, Scott Nos. 756-765.

Frame 26—Special Printing of National Exhibition Issue, imperf Byrd 3c, 25 panes of 6 stamps. Scott No. 768.

Frame 27—Special Printing of 1c National Parks, imperf, uncut and un gummed, issued in 20 panes of 6 stamps. Scott No. 769.

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Frame 29—Special Printing of the 16c Air Post Special Delivery, imperf, uncut, and un gummed sheets of 200. Scott No. 771.

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Recent items in our own newspapers remind us how closely many events in Israel, and their philatelic reflections, connect with this country.



A case in point is a "New York Times" dispatch, recording the opening of a United-States-sponsored college - Barilan University. Twenty American boys and girls are part of the student body. It is therefore doubly interesting to note the use of a special cancellation at Ramat Gan on August 7, in honor of this same event.



Another "Times" news item recorded the passing of an old philatelic friend—the S/S Jerusalem. Two years ago, this little vessel made its maiden voyage from Haifa to New York, and the event was marked with a special ship cancel, dated April 29, 1953.

Now comes the news that on September 5, the ship left New



ROYAL VISIT TO SURINAME. On the occasion of the visit of Queen Juliana and Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands to the western outpost of the nation on the northern coast of South America, Suriname, that part of the Dutch kingdom issued a single commemorative semi-postal with a value of 7½c plus 2½c in an olive brown color. The design shows the royal couple and palm trees. A large size first day postmark used at Paramaribo October 27 had a shield, royal crown and native flowers plus the usual wording. J. J. Verbrugge, P. O. Box 581, Paramaribo, Suriname sent the cover.

York for a last time, carrying 550 passengers to Haifa. It was the last Atlantic crossing for the ZIM-owned 1913-vintage steamer, once a British troop transport. For another ten months or so, she will continue to visit Mediterranean ports. After that, the scrap heap.

Other recent special cancels are—

August 1 — "Declare your Income Taxes". Used in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa.

August 1 — "Save for Your Housing Project". Used at Petah Tikva, Tiberias and Tel Aviv.

August 3 — 19th World Miz-rachi Conference at Jerusalem.

August 10 — 3rd World Jewish Medical Assembly at Haifa.

August 16 — Air Force Day.

August 23 — 7th Session of Zionist Executive Committee, Jerusalem.

On July 7, the Shikun Havat-kim sub-post office was opened at Netanya, using a "Netanya 8" canceller. A special opening-day cancellation was used for the occasion.

Ritter Heads APS Membership Drive

The recently installed president of the American Philatelic Society Lawrence L. Shoemaker of Sarasota, Florida, has announced as the first goal of his administration increasing the present 11,764 membership to over 15,000. Some of the plans for expanded future activities depend for their execution on the increase of income that 3000 additional members would provide.

A year round membership campaign under the chairmanship of George Ritter of P. O. Box 8155, Tampa Florida, has been started.

Mr. Ritter has already made a good start by recruiting of new members at the several recent regional conventions he has attended. Members who get four new ones are rewarded with a year's free dues. For one hundred new members they receive a free life membership.

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Palestine Postal History 1850-1948; France, Austria Opened First Post Offices

Louis S. Schulman and Irving Weisberger

There is hardly a country so small in size that has had such a varied and interesting postal history as Palestine.

A little more than a century ago Palestine, as a part of the Turkish Empire did not have a single post office, stamp or cancelling device. Written communications were delivered by messengers who carried the mail on foot, donkey or camel. This method was not too reliable. The need for a postal system was evident. Jewish, missionaries, pilgrims and diplomats having business and social contacts all over the world desired to maintain these contacts by correspondence.

With the Ottoman Empire weakening, several European powers secured concessions in Palestine and set up their own post offices. The first post offices were opened by France and Austria, in Jaffa, in 1852. In about 1856 the Russians opened post offices, followed by Turkey and Egypt in 1870, Germany in 1898 and Italy in 1908.

Thus the country, which a short time ago had not post offices at all, suddenly found itself with seven different systems. All these post offices used the regular postage of their respective countries. These stamps were later overprinted in Turkish or French currency.

Jewish settlers in the meanwhile were busy returning to the barren wastes of Palestine, caused by centuries of neglect, to once again try and establish a homeland. The first agricultural training center was established in 1870 at Mikve Israel, near Jaffa. Petah Tiqva was established in 1878. Rishon Lezion and Gedera were founded in 1882 by the first Jewish pioneers of Palestine. Other settlements were established by Jews migrating from Eastern Europe. By the beginning of World War I, the Jews had established approximately 50 new settlements.

In 1897 Dr. Theodore Herzl, called his followers together in Basle, Switzerland. This was the first Zionist Congress and it was here the Zionist Movement was born, dedicated to the establishment in Palestine of a Jewish National home.

In 1902, the Jewish National Fund was created and issued its first labels. The money, derived from the sale of labels, purchased land in Palestine and was instrumental in carrying out the ideas of the founder of the Zionist Movement.

These events had an important bearing on the postal history of Palestine. The growing number of settlements and expansion of existing towns induced the Turkish Government to open post offices in several localities, as for example, in the two Jewish Quarters of Jerusalem, one in the old city and the other in the new.

The cancellation for the old city reads: "JERUSALEM JEWISH QUARTER." The cancellation for the new city reads: "JERUSALEM MEA SHEARIM." The Jewish Quarter cancellation was trilingual, in French, Turkish and Hebrew. This was an important event as it marked the introduction of Hebrew as an official post language.

Competition between the postal

services of Palestine was very keen, especially in Jerusalem. The Turkish postal system attempted to attract customers and at the same time to hamper their competitors. In 1892 the Jerusalem-Jaffa railway was completed. This line carried only mail cancelled at Turkish post offices.

In 1898 when Kaiser Wilhelm II visited Jerusalem the Turkish post offices did tremendous business as they cancelled all mail at that time with a cachet "CAMP IMPERIAL" in French and Turkish. To offset this, the Austrian postal system, which had carried the bulk of mail to date decided to obliterate all mail during the Kaiser's visit in purple ink instead of black.

This little stunt was successful and they kept repeating it on special occasions, such as, Christmas, New Years, etc. The Austrian Postal authorities attempted another idea in order to maintain their lead in Palestine. They accepted mail from the growing number of Jewish settlements free of charge with the understanding that all outgoing mail was to go through their postal system.

The first all Jewish stamp was issued by the settlement of Rishon Lezion in 1904-5. It was a Jewish National Fund stamp and a special cancellation was used by the settlement's own post office. In 1908 Petah Tiqva also issued its own stamp and cancellation. These stamps, issued by local Jewish settlements, helped to defray the cost of their postal organizations.

Due to the outbreak of World War I, all foreign post offices were closed on September 30, and October 1, 1914. As the result of these closings the civilian population had to resort again to the Turkish postal system.

On November 2, 1917 the Balfour Declaration was presented to the Jewish people in the name of the British Government. The allied army under General Allenby entered Jerusalem on December 7, 1917 and in September of the following year Palestine was completely occupied. At this time all Turkish post offices in Palestine were closed. A new era dawned.

The British put the country under a military administration which reorganized the postal service and during this period issued a one piastre stamp which was ordered in Egypt. On the stamps the words "Postage Paid" appeared in English and Arabic and the letters E.E.F. which stand for Egyptian

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Stamps were later ordered from England in similar design but in different denominations from one millieme to 20 piastres. In 1922, the civilian administration was established under authorization of the British Mandate of Palestine.

The stamps received a trilingual overprint, since English, Hebrew and Arabic had been recognized as the three official languages of the country. The Hebrew part of the overprint created much animosity among the Arabs who resented the Hebrew abbreviation for "LAND OF ISRAEL", besides the word "PALESTINE".

The Arabs also found the Arabic lettering on the overprint too small, and the British administration soon enlarged the Arabic overprint from 8mm to 10mm. These issues remained in use up to 1927 when, on the occasion of the change of currency, the Palestine administration released a new series depicting some of the country's famous monuments and landscapes. This set with some additional denominations is generally known as the pictorial set of Palestine and remained in use until the termination of the British Mandate.

The United Nations General Assembly on November 29, 1947 voted the Partition of Palestine into Jewish and Arab sections. In the early part of 1948, Great Britain decided to liquidate her Mandate of Palestine. The British authorities distributed a post office circular with information to close the various postal agencies in the country on (Continued on page 18)

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305	.03	.47	477-50	.60	.60	646	.08	.06	B134	.08	.06
306	.04	.48	498	.03	.03	647	.08	.06	B135	.08	.06
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323	.06	.57	576 & 90	.18	.13	664	.08	.08	B142	.08	.08
324	.06	.57	577-57	.06	.06	665	.08	.08	B143	.08	.08
327	.07	.59	582-58	.06	.06	666-68	.16	.17	B144	.16	.17
330-31	.12	.57	577-59	.06	.06	669	.08	.07	B145	.08	.07
332	.06	.59	595-602	.06	.06	670	.17	.09	B146	.17	.09
333	.02	.61	610 & 8	.36	1.54	671-73	.23	.18	B147	.23	.18
334	.21	.62	611	.05	.04	672	.18	.13	B148	.18	.13
335-40	.12	.62	612	.06	.06	673	.23	.18	B149	.23	.18
347	.04	.62	613	.06	.06	674	.23	.18	B150	.23	.18
348	.04	.62	614	.06	.06	675	.08	.08	B151	.08	.08
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351	.06	.61	617	.06	.06	678	.17	.08	B154	.17	.08
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One of the "live" features which the public always finds both attractive and informative at the annual National Postage Stamp Show is the government's educational demonstration of how postal paper is produced. At 1955's coming seventh edition of this world-renowned exhibition the visitors will have an opportunity to watch experienced employees of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing show how stamps are printed on a flatbed press at Washington.

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has promised that such a press will be in operation during the show on November 18, 19, and 20 in New York City's 71st Infantry Regiment Armory at Park Ave. and 34th St.

A "Special demonstration plate" is being made at Washington and will be transported to New York, according to Robert E. Fellers, Director of the Post Office Department's Division of Philately. The plate is for the new 6c red in Uncle Sam's Liberty series, inaugurated last year.

This stamp, with portrait of Theodore Roosevelt, is the one which will be given first-day sale in New York on the 18th, opening date of the show. The plate will be installed within rail-off space near the center of the armory floor, and the printing job will be visible around all four sides. The government operatives will be prepared to answer all the questions asked of them.

The Bureau's activities will be in charge of Chester J. Harucki, Assistant Superintendent of the Postage Stamp Division. Rayburn Keagy will demonstrate the art of plate printing, and Richard M. Bower the process of engraving.

MAIL MUST GO
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busy performing "through" distribution for states which are dispatched at junction points on the run, or at the terminus of the run. In order to perform this intricate distribution of mail, the railway postal clerk must spend countless hours in study of the geographical location of each post office in his distribution and a further study of the train and airmail schedules, in order that the mail comprising his distribution will be forwarded to destination by the quickest route - not always the shortest route.

The rhythmic whisper of thousands of letters speedily flipping into pigeonholes, sometimes for a state distribution and other times for city distribution, the crack-whip click of a local pouch as it is snatched from the mail crane by the clerk performing catcher service on a speeding night express, the staccato gibberish of pouches being called out to the clerk in charge, the frequent thumping of letter packages into pouches in a race against time to make the next dispatch, all of these echo throughout the night as a Railway Post Office winds its way over its allotted run.

Twenty-five thousand highly trained mail clerks perform service inside of the 3000 postal cars, terminals and airmail fields now operated by the Railway Mail Service. They are selected by the Civil Service Commission in a difficult competitive examination, and are employed by the Post Office Department - not by the railroads or the express company as many think.

Once appointed, examinations still continue - they must take still tougher ones, three or four each year, in order to hold their jobs. "Passing" in these tests is not a mere 75 per cent or so, such as schools and colleges demand; it is 85 per cent if the subject is postal laws, space regulations or junction connections - and 97 per cent for all examinations on mail routes! Each clerk must learn the names and routes of from 4000 to 8000 different post offices, from the proper standpoint, and he does it through hours of practice in a small practice-case at home, using the same type of small addressed cards that his examiner uses at the test.

Because of the arduous nature of their duties, and their long and irregular hours on swaying trains (usually at night), clerks are then relieved for six or eight days or more. This is not free vacation-time, however, for a great deal of it must be used for examination-study, correcting of schemes of distribution and schedules, preparing slips and labels for the run, and handling

correspondence and records.

For this purpose he is furnished with schemes of distribution for the states he is assigned to distribute. Examinations are held regularly, and the minimum requirement as stated above is a grade of 97 per cent. The record shows that nearly all railway clerks make a grade of better than 99. Many clerks achieve 100 on their entire distribution.

Because of these rigid requirements and the high efficiency of railway postal clerks generally, the Railway Mail Service has often been referred to as the backbone of the postal service. While normally a railway postal clerk distributes mail to his "connections," he frequently must change his dispatch when the train is delayed. Where connections en route are missed because of train delays, mail is reworked and post offices not local to the line are given the next best dispatch.

City distribution is performed by railway postal clerks when trains arrive in a large city during the morning hours. Such city mail is separated into zones, stations, banks, firms, etc., and thus an earlier delivery is possible upon arrival at a given city.

On May 3, 1941, the Highway Post Office was placed in operation. Service performed on these routes is identical to that in Railway Post Office cars, except that the service is from post office to post office, instead of from railroad station to railroad station, thus permitting a hand-to-hand method of doing business.

It is evident that Highway Post Office Service will be greatly expanded in localities lacking suitable train service. With this kind of government-owned and operated service the Post Office Department has the privilege of selecting the route, making the schedule and not having to wait on other kinds of traffic or delayed trains, thus affording the opportunity to maintain a regular schedule.

In 1911 Congress authorized the carrying of mail by plane. A test flight was made from a temporary post office at Long Island Field to Mineola, Long Island. From this humble beginning has grown the airmail section of the great American postal service.

On May 15, 1918, the first regularly scheduled flight was made on a route from Washington to New York. The rate at that time was 24 cents per ounce. The new service expanded, and soon it took in most of the principal cities of the country.

With such an enormous increase in volume of airmail being carried, some arrangement had to be made for handling this mail quickly from points where stops were made to local destination points. Air Mail Fields were established. These have been set up at all principal airports and are manned by railway postal clerks.

Mail bearing airmail postage is kept separate from other classes of mail and dispatched to appropriate airmail fields, where these trained railway postal clerks are on hand to distribute and dispatch each letter and pouch to the air route affording the earliest delivery.

Terminal Railway Post Offices are located in all large cities, and here another corps of trained railway postal clerks perform distribution of transient mail originating in the city where the terminal is located, as well as distribution of other transient mail passing through the terminal, when time of arrival and departure of connecting train will permit of such distribution.

To sum up, the exceptional memory that is required of all postal employees has to work double for railway postal clerks. Every railway postal clerk has in his head a detailed map of his assigned distribution and other information on mail schedules and time tables of railroads. Today American railroads are the backbone of the greatest transportation system in the world, a giant web of 227,000 miles of track. Employees of the Railway Mail Service take pride in their work and their devotion to duty under difficult circumstances is a thrilling page in the annals of the Post Office Department. Washouts and train wrecks occur frequently and even holdups plague the Railway Mail Service from time to time.

To enable them to resist holdups each railway postal clerk carries a loaded revolver. An outstanding example of devotion to duty was demonstrated during a holdup by men like Boothman and O'Hern, of the Chicago & Carbondale R. P. O. These clerks were performing the routine duties of their assignment when two men swung into their mail car and with pointed guns demanded an Army pay roll pouch.

These valiant railway postal

clerks stood their ground; and when one of the gunmen struck O'Hern with a pistol butt, Boothman opened fire. Dodging shots and bleeding from wounds, O'Hern slipped out of the mail car and attempted to reach the engineer by climbing over the top of a moving train. However, the bandits became desperate and pulled the emergency air brake, thus bringing the train to a stop. One of the bandits got away, but the other was so seriously wounded that he was unable to move. The mail had been protected; Boothman and O'Hern,

railway postal clerks, had measured up to their responsibility.

The record further shows that in every instance involving washouts, train wrecks, or holdups, devotion to duty on the part of railway postal clerks is a common virtue; and actual bravery and heroism in the face of danger is by no means an uncommon attribute among employees of the Railway Mail Service. Truly it may be said that, "Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds."

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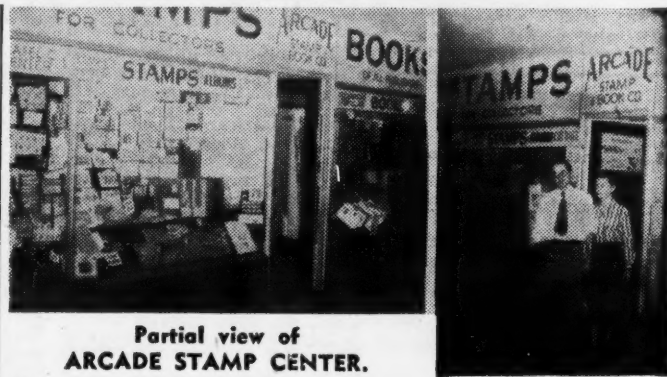
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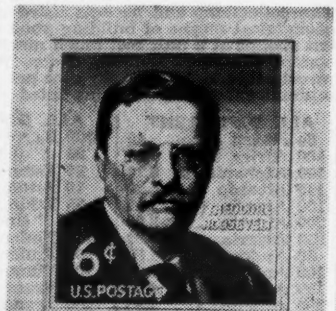
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The man alleged to have carried a big stick, and who made a notable reputation for himself as president of the United States, will appear on the third last of the portrait designs of the Liberty Series for regular postage. He is Theodore Roosevelt, the nation's chief executive for two terms, 1901 to 1909. Yet to come on January 10 at Staunton, Va., is the 7c Woodrow Wilson, president during World War I, and Alexander Hamilton on a \$5 as yet without details. Also without definite release dates are the 1½c Mount Vernon, 9c Alamo, 10c Independence Hall and 20c Monticello.

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has announced the description of the 6c Theodore Roosevelt stamp of the Liberty Series. The twelfth of the new regular series to be released, it will be first placed on sale at New York, N. Y. on November 18, the opening day of the American Stamp Dealers' Association show. This size will be 0.75 by 0.87 of an inch, arranged vertically and enclosed in a simple picture frame effect, printed by the rotary process, electric-eye perforated and issued in sheets of 100. The color will be red.



The central subject, a likeness of Theodore Roosevelt, was reproduced from a photograph of the Philip A. DeLaszlo painting. The name "Theodore Roosevelt" in white face Gothic is placed on the right and below the center, and "6c U. S. Postage" in white face Gothic, arranged in two lines, is located in the lower left corner of the stamp.

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Theodore Roosevelt, 26th president of the United States, was born in New York October 27, 1858 of distinguished parents of Dutch origin. He graduated from Harvard in 1880 and afterward attended Columbia Law School.

Of independent means he joined the Republican Party in 1880 for the sake of a career, and as a regular was elected to the New York State Assembly in 1881, the youngest member. He was re-elected in 1882 and 1883 and firmly identified himself with the anti-machine reform element, and established himself as a fighter against crookedness.

As a member of the U. S. Civil Service Commission (1889-95) appointed by President Harrison and retained by Cleveland, he did much to extend the merit system on a basis of applied idealism. During the next two years while president of the Police Board of New York City he employed energetic measures to eradicate corruption and enforce Sunday liquor laws.

President McKinley recalled Roosevelt to national service in 1897 as Assistant Secretary of the Navy. In this office his work was of signal value in bringing the navy to partial readiness for the war with Spain.

He resigned the office in 1898 and became active in organizing the First U. S. Volunteer Cavalry. This regiment, popularly known as the Rough Riders, Roosevelt (colonel since the action at Las Guasimas) led in a famous charge of San Juan Hill near Santiago, Cuba.

After the mustering out, Roosevelt ran for governor of New York and was elected. His investigative and corrective measures to remove graft and fraud in various

places earned him a number of enemies. In fact it was this very diligence which won for him the vice presidential nomination on the McKinley ticket. His enemies "moved him up" to get him "out of their hair". McKinley won out as president and following his assassination a few months after the beginning of his second term, Roosevelt became president.

As president he undertook to conduct his administration as a continuation of McKinley's. The plans for trust legislation were adhered to, and efforts were made to effect reciprocity treaties with other countries. The Philippine policy was maintained and a partially autonomous government was provided for the islands.

The construction of an isthmian canal (the Panama) was authorized and the connection of the Philippines with the United States was accomplished by means of a submarine cable.

Legislation identified distinctly with Roosevelt himself dealt with the revision of the nation's financial system, the increase of the navy as the best means of preserving peace, and the establishment of a permanent Census Bureau, and a Department of Commerce and Labor whose secretary should be a member of the cabinet.

In the campaign for another term of office, he defeated his Democratic opponent by a landslide of votes, the largest plurality ever gotten by any candidate.

His second administration was marked by the same fruitful energy that had characterized the first. Largely through his personal intercession and good offices a peace, ending the Russo-Japanese War was concluded at Portsmouth, N.H. in 1905. For this achievement he was awarded the Nobel Peace prize of \$40,000.

After his retirement from office in 1909 he spent a year big game hunting in Africa and he afterwards presented to the National Museum, Washington, most of the valuable collection he made at this time. His return in the spring of 1910 was a kind of triumphal progress through Europe, unparalleled since Grant.

Roosevelt's varied and extra-official interests in addition to those already mentioned cannot be overlooked. Popularly he became known as an exemplar of the strenuous life, as wielder of the big stick, advocate of simplified spelling, opponent of race suicide, and enemy of nature fakers.

His literary work is of high character both as to content and as to style and range from scholarly historical writing and brilliant political essays to entertaining narratives of his hunting experiences and contributions to natural science.

His death occurred in 1919.

Israel-Palestine Group Re-Activated

The Israel-Palestine Philatelic Society of America (IPPSA) is being reactivated on a national basis with a new program of activities.

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Statement From The United Nations Postal Administration Relative To The Tenth Anniversary Souvenir Sheet

27 October 1955

The UN Postal Administration announces with regret today that, due to the exceptionally heavy demand for the Tenth Anniversary souvenir sheet, issued on 24 October 1955, the supply of sheets on hand proved to be insufficient to cover the orders received. Furthermore, a great many stamp collectors who came to the UN Post Office Station or the UN Postal Administration Sales Counter at UN Headquarters on the day of issue were unable to purchase souvenir sheets, since the number available for sale on that day was very limited. Although only a small and limited number of sheets were sold to each customer, there were still not enough for everyone, despite the fact that all mail orders had been cut, to ensure as wide a distribution of the souvenir sheet as possible.

The UN Postal Administration very much regrets that so many people were disappointed. Steps are being taken to secure an additional supply of the souvenir sheets, in a limited quantity. This will ensure, firstly, the filling of all mail orders for First Day Covers received in the UN Postal Administration with postmark not later than 24 October.

Secondly a limited number of souvenir sheets, in mint condition, will be placed on sale at the UN Postal Administration Sales Counter, General Assembly Building, UN Headquarters, upon a date to be announced later. This sale, however, will not take place until approximately three weeks from now. Customers who could not purchase souvenir sheets on 24 October will then be able to buy them, in a very limited number, if they call promptly at the Sales Counter after the date has been announced.

No further orders for either mint souvenir sheets or First Day Covers are being accepted.

Those orders for mint sheets which have already been received in the UN Postal Administration will be subject to a uniform reduction, since it is not anticipated that the total number of sheets available will be sufficient to fill orders in their entirety.

Due to the fact the additional supply of souvenir sheets cannot be delivered to the United Nations before approximately three weeks time, there might be delay in the filling of some mint orders.

In this difficult situation, the UN Postal Administration asks the indulgence of customers, and would very much appreciate their patience and good-will.

Please do not write in if you fail to receive your order for souvenir sheets immediately. All orders will be processed as soon as the stock is available, and mailed out as soon as possible.

Boggs Book Has Fine Philatelic Guidance

A book which comes just about as near to meeting most of the requirements for the basic fundamentals of stamp collecting as any heretofore published is "Foundations of Philately". Its author is Winthrop S. Boggs, certainly well qualified by experience to pick and choose among the multitude of things philately encompasses, and which need be known by the collector for satisfactory enjoyment and progress in the hobby.

Mr. Boggs for the past fifteen years has conducted courses in philately at the Collectors Club in New York, has been a director of the philatelic foundation, and writer of a two-volume work on Canadian philately for which he was awarded the Crawford Medal.

The book is intended as a guide for the individual collector seeking a sound basis of philatelic knowledge and practice. It provides an authoritative guide to all phases of collecting, from

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Part I is a concise story of the historical background and growth of the postal services. Part II consists of practical guidance on the ways and means of collecting, on building a collection, on the catalogs and their proper use, the care of a collection, and much other necessary information of a practical character.

The 196 pages are bound with cloth covers and printed in easy-on-the-eyes type. Illustrations are plentiful and do much to make the subject matter more understandable. Language of the text is down to earth and divorced from obscure phrases and stilted style.

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Brazilian Postmark For UN Anniversary

While a commemorative stamp was not issued by Brazil for the 10th anniversary of the United Nations, Manoel F. da Motta of Rio de Janeiro advises that a special postmark was used October 24 to note the anniversary.

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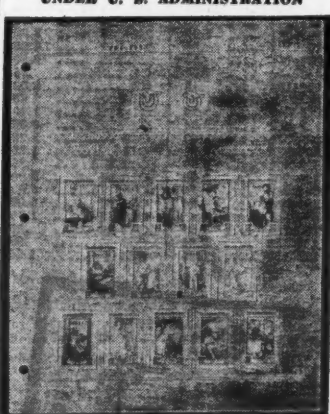
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An Argentine Last Day Cover, A First Day And 2 Commemorative Ones

J. F. McGee

Yes, I have a June 30, 1944 Argentine Last-Day Cover. It has copies of the ten postage stamps that were to be demonetized the next day, July 1. To provide space for the ten stamps and the registration label, also affixed on the front, a large envelope, size 5" x 7 3/4" was required. In place of a cachet, there is an official diamond-shaped handstamp in red ink. It is inscribed, "ULTIMO DIA DE CIRCULACION 30-VI-44". (LAST DAY OF CIRCULATION, 30-6th Month-44).

The ten stamps and the registration label are tied on by a large circular postmark that reads, "COSQUIS - Co - ARGENTINA, 30 Jun 44." I believe this is or was a resort town.

These ten stamps are Scott's Nos. 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 504, 506 and 507. They were issued in 1941 and 1942.

When I received this cover from a correspondent in Buenos Aires, I did not think to ask him how many post offices in Argentina had a last day sale on these stamps, and if all of them had a similar handstamp to apply to covers with them on the last day they were valid for postage. And I should have inquired if the smaller regular size covers were available with printed cachets.

I do not know of any government that has had a last day sale of stamps that were to be demonetized. The U. S. Philatelic Agency should have arranged for a last day sale of the 50c Graf Zeppelin stamp of 1933, together with a last day slogan cancellation to apply to covers with the stamp. I had a half sheet of these and I let local collectors have copies at 60c each.

Before I got around to reordering, I learned from the philatelic press that there had been such a limited demand for the stamps, that the Agency had sold the plate number blocks from the sheets and had the remainder destroyed.

Scott's Catalog prices mint copies of the 50c Graf Zeppelin at \$9. I do not know what a last day cover with the stamp would be worth, but the Agency could have turned that remainder into cash.

I doubt that many American collectors have studied Argentine history and consequently few of them would take more than a casual interest in the cachets on its first-day covers. Therefore I am going to write up only one of the fifty or more that I have.



For "Philatelic Day", August 21, 1946. The cachet pictures Dr. Juan G. Pujol who as governor of the Province of Corrientes issued the first Argentine stamps in 1856.

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A First Day

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The principal subject of the cachet is an Argentine counterpart of our own pony express rider. This man, with the end of his neck scarf streaming in the wind, is mounted on a galloping horse. In addition, and on a smaller scale, a stage coach, a railway train and a plane in flight are shown.

At the bottom of the cachet, and to the right, is a portrait of Domingo de Basavilbaso, a Spanish official, who organized the first regular postal service in the region of the Rio de la Plata, now part of Argentina.

Tierra Del Fuego Stamp

During the month of December 1944, the First Argentine Mineral Exposition was held in Buenos Aires. The cover that commemorates and publicizes it has an unusual cachet and also a special postmark.

The cachet is in red ink. In its center is a reproduction of the Tierra Del Fuego 10 centavos postage stamp. Tierra Del Fuego is the name of a large group of islands off the southern tip of South America. They belong in part to Argentina and in part to Chile.

A gold strike was made on one of the islands in 1890, which led to a rush of prospectors to the diggings. There was no government postal service on the islands, and a private one went into operation, which had a postage stamp valued in gold—gold dust, I presume.

The Tierra Del Fuego postage stamp is scarce today. I under-

stand that a copy on an authentic cover is worth big money. I hope you have one stashed away!

1946 Philatelic Day

This cover commemorates the Argentinian Philatelic Day, which in 1946 was on August 21. Its cachet honors Dr. Juan G. Pujol, who as governor of the Province of Corrientes issued the first Argentine postage stamps in 1856. The cachet presents a portrait of him and an illustration of one of the Corrientes stamps.

I have a copy of the Argentine stamp issued in 1917 to mark the centenary of the birth of Dr. Pujol, and two of the Corrientes stamps mounted along with this cover.

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British Fiscal Stamps Are An Almost Virgin Field For Collectors Of Revenue Issues

Edgar Lewy

Britain's Post Office Guide contains an intriguing section on various stamps, adhesive and embossed, which are obtainable from post offices for the prepayment of fiscal duties of various kinds. Knowing that some collectors are keen followers of fiscal stamps, I decided to do a little bit of private investigating, though it is by no means easy. Unlike postage stamps, the fiscals or revenues of the United Kingdom are not controlled by one department or central issuing authority; each of the revenue-receiving ministries produces and issues its own stamps for its own particular purposes.

Some of these see very wide use (I refer to the National Insurance stamps, as affixed to cards held by every working person in the Kingdom, to indicate payment of insurance fees covering them against sickness, accidents and unemployment). Others are exceedingly restricted and virtually unknown outside a very limited sphere.

Visiting the center of such activity in London's Bush House, in which resides part of the Inland Revenue department, I was shown to a miniature "post office" — the only one of its kind in the world — devoted principally to the sale of revenue stamps, though a very few postage stamps (such as have been specifically validated by Acts of Parliament to serve fiscal purposes) are also handled.



Inland Revenue - 6d George VI (top) "BANKRUPTCY"; below, George V 1d "COMPANIES WINDING UP", and 2d "FOREIGN BILL"

Stamps are printed by De La Rue's in the well-known double-fugitive green and purple colors familiar from the postage key types of the Victorian and Edwardian era, and it is evident from the designs which I illustrate that many of them were originally issued with portraits of her late Majesty, and have changed over the last sixty or more years only by the substitution progressively of the heads of King Edward VII, King George V, and King George VI.

The design is of "key type" pattern, differing in the frame work for each denomination, but being identical in every other respect and furnished with varying overprints for each purpose (see attached list). Ten principal groups are stocked at the Inland Revenue Stamp Office, Bush House, London W C 2, as follows:

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Companies Winding-Up: 4 Pence; 1, 1/6, 2, 2/6, 5, 10 Shillings, £1

District Audit: 5, 10 Shillings, £1, £2, £5

Contract Note: 6 Pence, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10 Shillings, £1, £2

Land Registry: 6 Pence; 1, 1/6, 2, 2/6 Shillings

Estate Duty: £1.10, £2.10

Civil Service: 1, 1/6, 2/6, 5, 10, 15 Shillings, £1, £5

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All these are, of course, available to collectors on request, but it will be found that most of them, are of the King George VI keyplate pattern, with a few King George V values still extant on little-used denominations. These also tend to linger on in the "relief" stock book, i.e. the book used by clerks on lunch-time counter duty, and thus very little employed.

Production of all stamps, by the way, is carried out by the post office for the Inland Revenue authorities. All stamps are printed on paper watermarked with a device of Crown and the letters I R, and come in sheets of 240 for the pence values, 180 for the shilling denominations, and 120 for the Pound values. The shilling values are in green, all others in purple, furnished with overprints of various colors.

Many fees have to be paid by means of embossed stamps, which are impressed direct on the documents at Somerset House, but these (red in color, featuring the head of Britannia inside a border adorned with the four national flowers, rose, thistle, shamrock and daffodil, are a different chapter).

Long study of the various Stamp Acts will have to be undertaken before clarity can be brought even into the field of adhesives, and embossed stamps, being very much older, are absolutely virgin territory awaiting the explorer.

Revenue stamps exist in the following groups. Denominations of the ten principal ones being listed above:

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Inland Revenue type "BANKRUPTCY", 2 shilling value.

From this it can be seen that a comprehensive collection of current British Fiscals may turn out to be an expensive business, especially as the denomination of many of these series may run up as high as £1.

There are separate issues also for Scotland, available from Edinburgh, but I know nothing about these as yet. If I have a chance of investigating, I will report on Scottish fiscals in a future article.

The above notes refer only, of course, to the Inland Revenue stamps. The Ministry of National Insurance issues a long and expensive photogravure printed series in two colors for franking the insurance cards, and I enclose examples of the last two series, both 4d values. They are in effect the second and third

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CHILE. To commemorate the centenary of the death of Chilean President J. Joaquin Prieto Vial, three stamps are to be issued. The values will be \$3, \$5 and \$50.

CHINA (Formosa). Three stamps of the same design were issued October 24 to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the United Nations. The design shows the National Flag of the Chinese Republic and the United Nations. The values are 40c dark blue; \$2 red; and \$7 green.

ECUADOR. The 30th anniversary of the first postal flight in Ecuador was marked by the issuance of a seven value set on October 20. The regular values are 30c olive and 50c black. The airmails 60c brown; 90c green; 1S purple; 2S red; and 5S blue.

GERMANY. An eagle and the coat-of-arms showing the Berlin Bear is the design of 10pf and 20pf stamps issued October 17 for the convention of the regional governments. The colors are black, gold and red.

HUNGARY. Three stamps were issued on October 9 in honor of composer Bela Bartok. One is a 60f light sepia brown, and the other two are 1ft. values, one green and one brown.

JUGOSLAVIA. A small child is the design of two 2d stamps issued for Children's Week. One stamp is red and the other olive green. The olive green bears the inscription "Porto".

A 30d blue and black stamp was issued on October 24 to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the United Nations.

Two 2d stamps were issued for Red Cross Week and show a woman instructor aiding in a crisis. One of the stamps bears the inscription "Porto".

LUXEMBOURG. The 1955 CARTAS set will be issued on December 5. The designs are devoted to Luxembourg folklore. The set comprises six stamps of the following colors and values: 25c plus 5c reddish-brown and orange pink; 80c plus 20c green, black and gray; 1.20Fr plus 30c gray-green and olive yellow; 2Fr plus 25c dark and light brown; 4Fr plus 50c dark green-blue and light blue; 7Fr plus 3.45Fr brown-violet and reddish light violet.

POLAND. On October 2 four stamps were issued showing the capitals of four counties. The 25g green—municipal House of Szczecin and coat-of-arms; 40g red—Cathedral of Wroclaw and coat-of-arms; 60g blue—Town Hall of Zielona Gora and coat-of-arms; 1zl. brown—Town Hall of Opole and coat-of-arms.

RYUKYUS. 350 years ago the sweet potato was brought to the Island from China. To commemorate this event a 4 yen blue-black stamp will be issued. The Noguni Shrine and a sweet potato make up the design.

TUNISIA. Native handicraft is the central design of three stamps recently issued. The 5Fr is reddish-brown, the 15Fr green, and the 20Fr purple.

Dr. Comroe President
Of Roosevelt Society

Dr. Joseph Comroe is the new president of the Roosevelt Philatelic Society of Chicago. Other members of the official family are vice presidents John W. Moehr and C. P. Jorgensen; treasurer Frank S. Landers; secretary L. E. Van Reeth, 8134 Kenwood Ave., Chicago 19, Ill.

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Vienna-Munich-NYC
First Flight Cachet

On October 31 Pan American Airways inaugurated the first direct DC 6B Flight from Vienna, Austria to Munich, Germany and thence to New York City. The Austrian postal administration prepared a rubber stamp type cachet which was applied to covers carried.

Fred Bauer of New York supplied a cover with the inverted triangle cachet it having the dedicatory wording in English and German around the three sides, within a four-engine plane, "31.10.1955" and "WIEN 101". At the base, on each side, are two churches.

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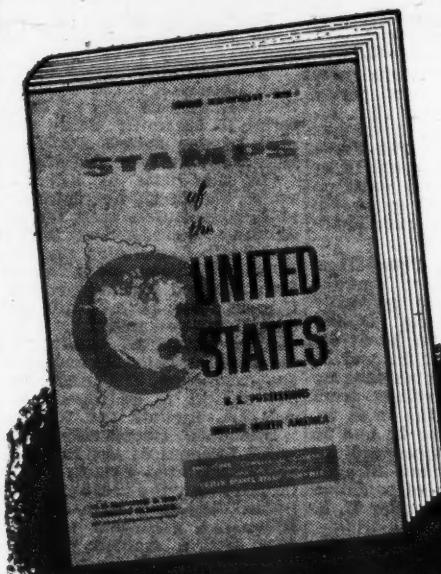
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SELLING TIPS

Here are a few simple tips to dealers having recent issue precancels around the stamp shop. Much has been written about DATEDS. You probably will get the most calls for MW printed dateds. You won't go wrong at asking a nickel each for these. Fewer collectors go after the SRC's. These are all handstamped. Two to three cents is the most asked for them.

Generally no one wants other handstamp dateds. On the other hand printed ones other than MWs are fairly good and you could ask up to 10c each on these. Small TOWN precancels are the big go now. If your aunt from out west sent your Christmas gift last year to you with Podunk precancels, they are worth some money. A dime for the low values and up from that for the higher ones, especially the 16c, 18c, 19c, 22c and 24c. These should bring up to two bits for nice readable copies.

Most of the current printed precancels, not Bureaus, are pretty common in the low value (1/2c, 1c, 1 1/2c, 2c), and some of the higher values like the 10c and 20c. From two to five cents each seems to be right. Of course if they exist on the odd high values they are worth more, same as if they were handstamp locals.

The narrow spaced Prexy Bureaus and the new Liberty Bureaus coming your way are generally worth the following prices. On the 1/2c sheet stamp 5c, the 1c at 6c, the 1 1/2c at 7c and the 2c and 3c at 10c. The 4c at 8c over face up to double face for values from there up. The coils, the 1c at 7c, the 1 1/2c at 8c, and the 2c and 3c at 10c. Remember these are for good copies, undated, and in good condition. Same type of condition that you sell to your regular U. S. customers.

If you have older Bureaus I'd advise you to have some one check the catalog values for you. Many of them are common it's true but just enough are pretty good, and you probably would get the most out of them by sending them to an auction house.

Shaving the prices a little from the above will probably build you some cheap priced good-will, as the chances are the precancels you have cost you little or nothing.

SCARCE TOWNS.

David A. Johnson of Erie, Pa. editor of the Scarce Town List, keeps close check on the trends in this field. Since the Fourth edition appeared last April he has found that the following Towns no longer rate listing in the Scarce Town List—Red Bay, Ala.; Cortez, Ala.; Bethlehem, Ga.; Ashton, Idaho; St. Bernard, La.; E. Millinocket, Me.;

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Roosevelt Relics
At A.S.D.A. Show

Most of the adults who visit the 7th annual National Postage Stamp Show at New York City in November will become nostalgic. They will find on display numerous relics which will arouse childhood reminiscences associated with the public career and wartime and peacetime activities of the nation's 26th President, Theodore Roosevelt.

The same Teddy Roosevelt memorabilia, some of them dating back into the 19th century, will appeal to the imagination and hearts of the juveniles who in histories and biographies have read so much about the statesman, warrior, and big game hunter.

"The Life and Times of Theodore Roosevelt"—the exhibition's theme—suggests why all this material is currently being assembled by the show's art director, Bernard Davis of Philadelphia.

On the basis of information which Mr. Davis has made available, contributors thus far to the exhibits include the Theodore Roosevelt Association and House (where TR was born, at 28 E. 20th St.) and the Museum of the City of New York. While detailed information will appear in the show's illustrated catalog, Peter G. Keller, general manager of the exhibition, discloses that the TR objects to be loaned to the A.S.D.A. include the following:

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When studying the subject "Religion On Stamps", one is apt to infer that we are paying tribute to the Christian Religions, but when dealing with the study of stamps of the world, we encounter many others. As for instance the stamps of Japan are noted for the beauty of the torii so often shown — one of these stands at the entrance of every Shinto shrine. They are simply sacred gates, the showing of which is now prohibited by the Occupation Forces because of the nationalistic implication of Shinto.

The derivation of the gateway and its name is disputed, but the simplest theory implies origination from the India "Torana," through the Japanese word "torii" which means "bird perch."

These are indeed bird perches of great beauty, and design. There are thirteen or more types and three of these have been portrayed on eleven different stamps issued by Japan between September 1936 and November 1948.

The Torii is made up of two upright posts, slanted in some types; either with bark or without, and often painted red. The difference depends mainly on the cross pieces. The main cross bar is called kasaki and it may be round, square or octagonal in shape. Its ends may be cut off square or at an angle, and to add beauty, the ends are bent up.

The smaller cross bar, nuki, may or may not extend through the upright posts, and is adorned with shaped bits of wood. To be more attractive a shimaki may be placed beneath the kasaki (that is, cross bars beneath the top bar).

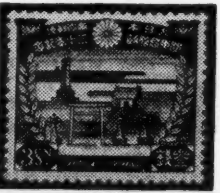
According to the story, the sun goddess Amaterasu, was once lured from the cave in which she had been sulking by the crowing of a cock on its perch.

The tail feathers of such roosters may reach several feet in length. The cock is said to crow three times to herald the approaching dawn, and some times three or more torii are erected before the shrine to purify the enshrined deity.

Passing under these torii expels the darkness from his heart, as darkness lifts at dawn.

Similarly the worshipper claps his hands three times before beginning his prayer.

This is called "kishiwade", or clapping of clean palms, and signifies, it is alleged, the flapping of the cock's wings as it crows. It is also alleged that the clapping is to attract the attention of the God, who might otherwise be listening to some other worshipper at the time.



Of the thirteen or more types of gates, there are three shown on stamps. The simplest is Shimmei type of torii, which one sees on stamps, Scott Nos. 337, 339, 359, 203, 205 and 228.



The Hachiman type is shown on No. 310 while the most graceful, the Myojin, is to be seen on Nos. 280, 271, 340 and 357.

Shinto is the primitive religion of Japan, and it is a kind of ancestor worship.

Another form of worship of the Japanese was emperor worship. No better form of this idealism is shown than from the last days of General Nogi's life.

Here was an example of emperor worship unsurpassed, and it was because of this that Gen. Nogi's image was used for propaganda purposes in World War II.

His home is now known as the Nogi Shrine, and there is an imposing mausoleum near Kyoto

honoring him.

On the stamps we find first the Shinto Shrine at Port Arthur, and there are several Meiji shrines. These are stamps Nos. 228, 161, and 265, the latter two are of the Tokyo shrine of Emperor Meiji. With a little study one finds many more.



When Emperor Meiji was ill, General Nogi called at the palace 130 times during the 56 days of his Emperor's illness. On the day of the funeral, Gen. Nogi sat in his house on a Tokyo Hill, before a little shrine, on which he had placed the Emperor's photo and a floral offering.

He had laid out his wife's and his own death robes, following which he committed suicide; his wife followed his example.

They are entombed near their Emperor and Empress. We find this martyr's picture on Nos. 259, 277, 326, 329 and 351. He was a victim of complete emperor worship. As a boy he was taught ancestor worship by his father and taken to visit the tombs of the forty-seven Ronin once a month. Every detail of their sacrifices were carefully taught the boy.

So great was his father's regard for Bushido that when the child complained of cold the father heeded it not, and when he disliked anything, the object was forced upon him.

The early Samurai warrior class, and later after the restoration, the military clique, favored the most austere training, believing in meditation and development from within, and severe rigid self discipline.



Comparison of shrines and torii on stamps is most interesting. Many shrines or memorials have been erected in tribute to Emperor Meiji, but perhaps the most impressive and dignified of all is the one in Tokyo, on Nos. 161, 162, 210, 211, and 265.

This beautiful and inspiring shrine is located in a spacious, restful, and solemn environment. It is in a peaceful compound covering an area of approximately 175 acres.

The inner garden of Meiji shrine is famous for iris blossoms, and the garden is open to the public for a week when the iris are in bloom in late June or early July. The over-all design of the Meiji Shrine is called "Nagarezukuri" and represents the style of the Buddhist temples, near the end of the eighth century. This shrine is on all stamps concerning Emperor Meiji, except Nos. 85 and 86 which commemorate his 25th wedding anniversary.

Stamps paying honor to Meiji are Nos. 85-6, 161-2, 210-1 and 265.

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A striking set of poster stamps have been designed for the 7th A.S.D.A. National Postage Stamp Show to be held November 18 to 20 in New York City.

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A new stamp club, known as the Cuyahoga Philatelic Society, was organized in Cleveland, Ohio at the University Circle YMCA recently. An election of officers resulted in the following: Dr. Russell Raymond Voorhees, president; Michael Beedlow, vice president; Edward Woik, treasurer and Etta M. Cable, secretary.

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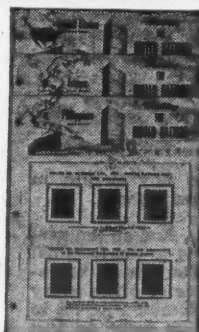
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Shown here with the first Trans-Pacific airmail, in the foreground,
are Postmaster General James A. Farley, left, and Juan Trippe,
president of Pan-American Airways, right. They are behind the first
load of mail for the initial airmail flight from San Francisco to
Manila, Philippines November 22, 1935. In the background, left, is
Capt. Edward Musick, and right, Capt. Sullivan.

20th Anniversary Trans-Pacific Airmail

Fred Bauer

For hundreds of years, communications have been one of the
greatest instrumentalities of civilization. Human progress can be
gauged by the development of systems of communications — and in
this development the transportation of mail has played a leading
role. The airplane since the day of its humble beginning, has year
after year been integrated into the transportation of mail.

Today airmail is a commonplace, an essential link and a vital part
of our economy. The transportation of mail by air by scheduled air-
lines across the ocean, was many years past only a dream, a dream
frowned upon by many as impractical. It became a reality in 1935,
when Pan American Airways inaugurated the first regular sched-
uled Trans-Ocean-Airmail.

The far-seeing Mr. Trippe of
Pan American Airways, and sim-
ilar men of vision and courage
knew the day was to come when
regular trans-ocean-airmail ser-
vice would start.

Aerial conquest of the Pacific
can always be traced by the mail
flow over certain routes. A col-
lection of first flight covers will
tell you the story. Aero-Philate-
lists who collect those tangible
records, so-called first flight cov-
ers, or souvenir mail, usually go
a step farther. They want to
know more about these flown
items. A keen aero-philatelist usu-
ally knows the airline which
inaugurated a certain route, the
pilot in command of the inaugu-
ral flight, and the amount of
mail carried.

Twenty years ago, by coinci-
dent, I met one of the great avi-
ators of a leading airline of to-
day, none other than, Captain
E. C. Musick of Pan American Air-
ways, who was P. A. A. first cap-
tain and trail blazer on many
survey flights. This was my start
to collecting first flight covers of
the Pacific area.

The development of the aerial
route across the Pacific Ocean,
known as F.A.M. 14, (Foreign
Airmail Route) was no easy task.
A great deal of research work by
engineers of P.A.A. was neces-
sary before survey-flights could
be made. Tiny pin point islands
had to be transformed into mod-
ern communities, and in some in-
stances colonization was neces-
sary.

A steamer named the, "North
Haven", set out for Midway and

Wake Islands to transform them
into modern villages. If I remem-
ber correctly it reached Wake
Island around May 1935, with a
record load of supplies, to trans-
form this uninhabited coral atoll
into a modern village.



Capt. Edward C. Musick, who was
first captain and chief pilot of
PAA's Pacific Division, and trail
blazer for survey flights. He lost
his life on January 11, 1938 when
the Samoan Clipper crashed off
Pago Pago.

A few months later Pan Amer-
ican Airways took advantage of
these way stations and started
with survey-flights to conquer
the vast area of the Pacific by

air. One of these took place in
April 1935, when PAA sent their
big "Sikorsky, Pan American
Clipper", better known as the
flying "Gas Tank", from San
Francisco to Honolulu to estab-
lish a regular airmail and pas-
senger route across the Pacific
to Manila.

Considerable souvenir mail
was carried on this flight by the
"Pan American Clipper" and all
mail received an appropriate cach-
et to commemorate this impor-
tant event. Many more explora-
tory sorties were made, and sou-
venir mail carried on these pro-
duced some interesting pre-regu-
lar first flight covers, all with ap-
propriate cachets.

The official opening of F.A.M.
14, occurred on November 22,
1935, a memorable day in Pan
American Airways history. It
was the famous and well known,
"China Clipper" of P.A.A. which
carried the first regular official
airmail across the Pacific to Ma-
nila, Philippine Island, via Hono-
lulu, Midway, Wake and Guam.
A very appropriate cachet, sup-
plied by the U. S. Post Office De-
partment, showing the old and
the new, "Clipper Ships" depict-
ing a century of progress was ap-
plied to all mail carried on the
inaugural flight.

The P.O.D. also issued a spe-
cial airmail stamp, and The Com-
monwealth of the Philippines over-
printed two regulars to com-
memorate the event. Many prom-
inent people attended the inaugu-
ral ceremonies, Postmaster Gen-
eral J. A. Farley, and J. Trippe,
president of Pan American Air-
ways personally supervised the
loading of the first Trans-Pacific
airmail.

A crew of brilliant flying men,
trained for trans-ocean flying,
under command of the experi-
enced Capt. E. C. Musick deliv-
ered the cargo of airmail safe-
ly to Manila.

Impressive receptions were
tendered to Capt. Musick and his
gallant crew, upon arrival at
Manila. It was a holiday for all
concerned and a mission accom-
plished. Let us forget; here are
the names of the crew: Captain
Edwin C. Musick; First Officer
R. O. D. Sullivan, Jr.; Flight
Officer George King; Engineer-
ing Officer C. D. Wright; Radio
Officer W. T. Jarboe; Navigating
Officer F. G. Noonan; Asst. En-
gineering Officer V. A. Wright.

After many months of negotia-
tions, Pan American Airways ex-
tended the route from Manila to
Hong-Kong, via Macao, to com-
plete the aerial route between
the United States and Asia, In-
auguration of this final link took
place on April 21, 1937, from San
Francisco.

"The China Clipper," Captain
A. E. La Porte in command, with
a record load of mail, carried the
first airmail destined for Asia
as far as Manila, where it was
transferred to the "Hong Kong
Clipper". This plane, with an in-
termediate stop at Macao, arrived
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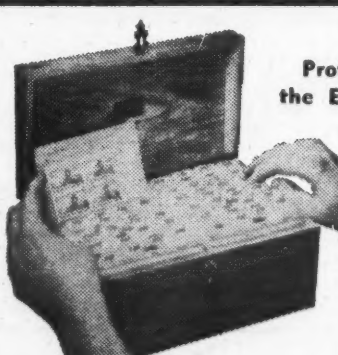
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Janet van den Berg

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A. A. Rosenblum of Victoria wholesales Australian Commonwealth issues per 12 and per 100. The "per 12" rather than "per 10" as with us is a British practice employed throughout the Empire, doubtless because there are 12 pence in a shilling and that simplifies cost accounting. London dealers catering to the U.S.A. trade make "per 10" offers to fit in with their American clients' needs and apparently find that it pays off, for more and more are doing it.

There's a whopping big New Zealand packet on the Australian market—300 varieties face different, without shade, perforation or watermark varieties. It seems very popular, for several firms carry it.

The current Cobb and Company commemoratives (3½d and 2sh.) are in great demand because they are wanted by several groups of collectors—general, British Empire, Commonwealth, commemorative, horse topicalists, ditto tree and ditto transportation. Then too, collectors of pretty stamps will want them for their sheer artistic beauty. One of the Commonwealth's leading dealers tells me that he has a backlog of orders for 800,000 of the low denomination and 45,000 of the high one, both used, of course. A commonplace, sedate commemo on the other hand attracts relatively little demand.

Meters are included in most Commonwealth collections one sees here in Australia. Although postal authorities showed considerable interest as early as 1908, legal and other difficulties were not overcome until 1925 and regulations governing their use were not worked out until mid-1926. Fifteen experimental designs were tried out before a satisfactory one (the so-called Type 15) was selected and machines were formally authorized in 1927. Two different makes of meter machines were employed from the start—the Neopost and the Midget. Trial impressions are definitely scarce and Types 1 through 14 command rather fancy prices when offered, which isn't often.

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Incidentally, the firm also has a fair number of the scarce mint 1911 1d Victorian Land stamps issued by the New Zealand government for the famed Scott Expedition and recognized by all catalogs except Scott's. These have always commanded a brisk market and considering the fact that there were but a few hundred issued, it is surprising that enough could be accumulated to put them on offer.

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only a couple of companies have taken to producing special covers and with demand unpredictable, dealers go easy on ordering and most of them are sold out some days before the big affair. In that situation one uses "general utility" First Day envelopes produced by the Post Office Department, good for any issue just coming out and on sale at most post offices at 2d each.

It takes careful planning and quite a bit of capital to build up a smoothly-functioning First Day Cover service, so the number of persons and companies handling mailings is very small compared to at home—rather, collectors do most of it and they post only a dozen or so to themselves and their friends. This is made easy by the fact that unlike in the USA, new stamps normally go on sale throughout the whole country the same day. Thus, you could mail Nurse FDCs anywhere you happened to be—Alice Springs in Northern Territory, Launceston in Tasmania, Freemantle in Western Australia, Cairns in Queensland, etc.

Unlike at home, you don't have to travel a few thousand miles to go to some specially designated spot or to employ an agent—you just go to your own post office. Some collectors don't, of course, have time for such things or can't be bothered and dealers take care of such. Baker and Moloney of Sydney are huge mailers and early on any "First Day", you can see George Croyston, the director in charge of company affairs, come to the Clarence St. post office staggering under a few bales of them and getting them off first thing.

One meets very interesting people in the lobbies of P. O.'s on such days, lawyers, doctors, clergymen, garbage collectors, college professors, grocers, longshoremen, housewives and school children galore—all intent on getting the new stamps, putting them onto proper envelopes in desired form (singles, pairs, blocks of what have you) and getting them off to the four corners of the earth.

There are always extra postal clerks; they give speedy, cheerful service and a delightful spirit of comradeship prevails. In fact many lone collectors meet others of their kind here, invitations to attend club meetings are freely given, everybody gets to know everyone else and many fine friendships are made at such times. Indeed, in Melbourne, one of the F.D. clerks told me of a very happy couple that had met in front of his counter five years ago and who had sent him an invitation to their wedding!

Once prepared, covers are slipped into a special Philatelic Mail slot and one then eagerly awaits his own. They come through the same afternoon if one is early, or the next morning, almost invariably with superb, clearly legible cancellations. So FDC conscious are the postal employees that many postman rings the bell and hands them over personally rather than dropping them into the letterbox since they might be bent in the process.

Indeed, one can have nothing but the highest praise for the whole system—it leaves nothing to be desired.

Those of you who like postal history articles would enjoy this one a lot—Thomas O'Callaghan's "The Origin of Postal Services in New South Wales and the Extension of the System to Port Phillip", in "The Victorian Historical Magazine" for June, pp. 97 ff. This is a well-known journal available in all libraries of any size.

Some of you know the British product, "Zoff", a few drops of which are added to water to speed up the removal of stamps from paper. Out here in Australia they use "Stam", which appears chemically the same as the other. Many dealers sell it at the uniform price of 1sh9d a bottle plus 5d postage for shipment if ordered by mail.

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erican wholesaler, I was struck by the varied positions of the red triangle, which can be found badly aligned up, down, left and right, and also by the large number of badly-centered copies. Centering is the weak spot in Australian stamp production, with vertical rows on a given sheet often badly askew, with the result that the top row may be nicely centered, the center row poorly so and the bottom one so badly that the perfs cut way in.

Answering several queries, printed albums are by far the best for both the beginner and the average collector. Get the best your means permit and don't worry about springback covers, blank quadrilled pages and all that stuff. These have frightened off many an eager novice and, while proper equipment for the specialists, they don't serve the average fellow at all. This may seem heresy to many but, believe me, there's nothing like having a known space to fill and then filling it.

Hundreds of printed albums are sold and happily used for every blank one purchased. That ought to tell the story. After all, the average collector is the one who counts in this fine hobby of ours. Why does Linn's have the largest circulation of any stamp paper anywhere? Because it caters to the average fellow. So do knowing catalog publishers like Jacques Minkus who has sold over 1,000,000 printed albums. What blank album manufacturer can come within miles of that mark?

Fine beginner's books — Ers-kin's "Approaches to Philately"; McAlpine's "How to Collect Stamps"; Grumbidge's "Introduction to Stamps"; and best of all, the incomparable series of popular volumes by Britain's stellar philatelic writers, Leon and Norman Williams. The latter are sold in bookstores throughout the world and are constantly being reprinted.

Far from being considered defective, Australian stamps punched "O S" for official use command substantial premiums over normal-use varieties, and supplies are so short in many cases that they have been faked. Incidentally, one and one Australian stamp only overprinted "O S" was ever placed on public sale unused and thus made available for general use. Wonder how many of you know which one that was?

Generally speaking, Australian stamps come perforated on all four sides. Very occasionally, as with the 3d green Victoria New South Wales and the Sturt commemo of 1930, you find a sheet imperf at one side—right, in the case of the 3d Victoria, and top in the case of the Sturt. These bring thumping premiums from specialists.

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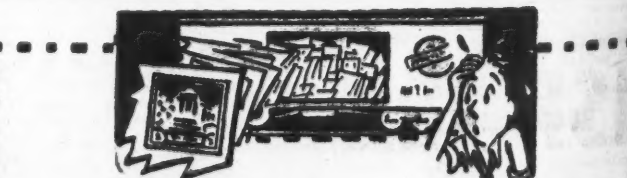
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The seals identified by their years of issue are as follows. It will be noted that in some instances there are two seals for year. First row — 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1946; second row — 1947, 1948, 1945, 1949, 1949; third row — 1951, 1950, 1952; fourth row — 1953, 1950, 1954.

Many years ago, 1926 to be exact, E. Victor Meade, the present sales manager for "Be Thankful You Can See, Inc.", established and managed a business in Michigan known as Wolverine Art Shops. Profits from that business were used to finance the first Blind Seal program among Lions Clubs, which campaigns were carried at a loss for many years.

Beginning in 1950 the above corporation was formed and today many hundreds of Lions Clubs throughout the nation participate in this plan of fund-raising. Only a very small profit is made on the supplying of the seals and other assistance to the local clubs and as more clubs are added to the plan these profits are further decreased, the general idea being that as much as possible of the funds raised should be retained in the locality in which they are solicited.

It has been conservatively estimated that approximately three millions of dollars net have been raised since this plan was put into effect. One of the confusing aspects of these various seals was that perhaps one collector would secure copies from his local Lions Club, assuming that the local club printed them and also that the date of issuance was the year in which they received them. After extensive research and correspondence it is now possible to date these various issues exactly, which dates are given herewith.

It is possible that shade and perforation varieties may exist on certain designs and it is understood that these varieties were caused by the issuance of special printings for certain clubs.

The first seal design which is dated 1941 may have been used prior to that date but at the moment this fact has not been established. The 1942, 1943, 1944 and 1945 issues were dated but seals issued afterwards have appeared without year date. In 1949 and in 1950 there were two designs issued each year. 1949 showed one design picturing an orchid and another design portraying a rose. 1950 had one design showing a zinnia and another design a man and girl looking at a rainbow. 1951 to date had only one design.

Starting in 1949 each series was numbered at the bottom of the sheet starting with No. 1 and finishing with No. 6 in 1954.

Crown Agents Not Stamp Dealers

Henry M. Friedman

Many inquiries are received from readers who desire to buy mint British Colonial stamps from the Crown Agents at face value. These collectors are under the impression that the Crown Agents are the same or similar to the United States Philatelic Agency.

The Crown Agents represent the British Colonies in the purchase of various items and stamps are only a small portion of their work. The procedure with stamps is as follows: The colony requests a new supply of stamps from the Colonial Office, where all applications are processed. If the Colonial Office approves of the request, an order is sent to the Crown Agents, who order the stamps from the printers.

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Orders at face can be sent direct to the various colonies, but few dealers do so, due to the long delay in receiving the stamps and the uncertainty of the condition of same when received, as they will not accept returns or make exchanges.

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Iceland's Christmas Seal Most Unusual

One of the most unusual Christmas Seals of all time is the 1955 of Iceland. In a large size and resembling a child's drawing, it



pictures a female figure before an undecipherable background. Surrounding this design is the wording also in a juvenile scrawl. Colors are rose, blue, violet, green, and black.



Norway's seal features a streamer of the Northern Lights waving above a church in a winter scene. It contains the Cross of Lorraine and the three-leaf clover pattern of the NKS, national anti-tuberculosis society. The colors here are yellow, dark blue, lavender, green and red.



The Tatham Stamp & Coin Co. which submitted copies of these items advises that the Netherlands is done mostly in a dark pastel green with the exception of the small red Lorraine Cross, and the holly berries. The design features a sprig of holly.

Bernard Harmer Will Lecture To PLA Branch

The Philatelic Literature Study Group, Branch #1, Philatelic Library Assn., is going to have a rather unusual subject explained to them by Bernard D. Harmer of H.R. Harmer, Inc., New York City stamp auctioneers.

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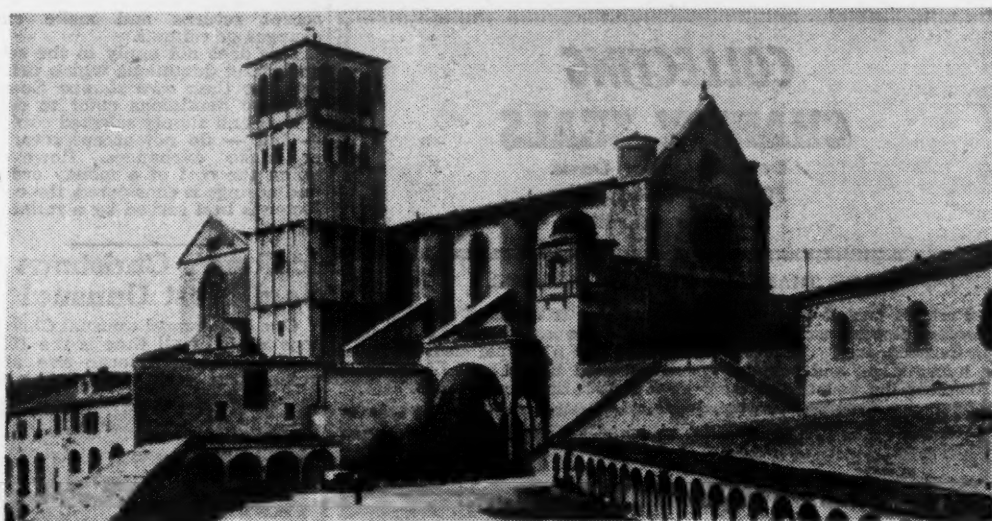
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An exterior view of the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi.

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Giovanni Francesco Bernardone, more commonly known as St. Francis of Assisi, was born in 1182. Even though his father was a wealthy merchant he seems to have had little formal education. In his youth he enjoyed a life of pleasure and frivolity until he was captured during a battle between Perugia and Assisi in 1201. The imprisonment lasted a year in which time he fell ill with a dangerous fever. During this sickness Francis resolved to alter his way of living. When he returned to Assisi in 1202, Francis undertook works of charity among the lepers and worked diligently for the restoration of dilapidated churches. These pious undertakings did not please his father and as a result he legally disinherited him.

Francis did not revert to his former habits but discarded his rich garments and went to the bishop who gave him a cloak. Upon receiving the garment, Francis went to the wooded Mount Subasio where he spent three years caring for outcasts and lepers.

To provide for their spiritual needs he restored the chapel of Santa Maria degli Angeli. During mass one day he heard a call telling him to go out into the world and possess nothing but to good everywhere. Answering it, Francis returned to Assisi where he began preaching to the people.

While spreading the word of God he gathered a group of twelve men which in 1209 became the original brothers in his order of friars and they elected him as their superior.

Three years later he invested St. Clare (Vatican Scott No. 169-70) and through her founded the second order of Franciscans to be known as the Poor Clares.

Many difficulties prevented him from accomplishing much missionary work during the next seven years. While in Egypt in 1219 he was taken prisoner at Damietta. When he was brought before the sultan he told him of God. So moving were his sermons that he was returned to the Christian lines. Francis then journeyed to the Holy Land where he stayed for about a year.

In 1220 he returned home and spent the next few years organizing the third order of Franciscans which were to be known as the Tertiaries. While praying, Francis was often favored with visions of Christ and the Blessed Virgin.

The most remarkable of these occurred in September 1224. After fasting for forty days, he was praying on Mount Alverno when he suddenly felt pain mingled with joy—Christ had impressed the marks of His Crucifixion on his body. So severe was it that Francis had to be carried back to Assisi. His hard work and privations so ruined his health that he suffered severe pain and

almost total blindness for the remainder of his life.

On October 3, 1226, as Francis was preparing to join His Maker, he requested that he be buried on the "Hill of Hell", the most despised place in Assisi which served as an execution and burial ground for condemned criminals.

Shortly after his death, the Vicar of the Order of Friars Minor, Brother Elias, deemed it a fitting tribute to erect a church over his grave. On July 17, 1228, the day after St. Francis was canonized, Pope Gregory IX laid the cornerstone of the church and ordered that in the future the site be known as, "The Hill of Paradise". The people were so moved by St. Francis' devotion to God that they freely donated their money and time thereby completing the lower church in the short space of twenty-two months.



The design of the lower church was entrusted to Jacopo Tedesco who was succeeded by Filippo da Campello in 1232 as the architect in charge. Originally, the church consisted of a nave and four bays with groined vaulting walls supported by wide circular arches; a transept on the west; and a semi-circular apse.

About 1300 the eastern transept was added as well as the Gothic chapels. During the 15th century a vestibule was added and the church was richly decorated by men of great renown in the history of art, Giotto, Giotto, Simone Martini and Pietro Lorenzetti.

The upper church was begun about ten years after the completion of the lower. In the shape of a Latin cross, it was the work of non-Italian architects at a

time when its Gothic style was foreign to Italy. Among its many frescos are twenty-eight scenes from the life of St. Francis attributed to Giotto and his contemporaries.

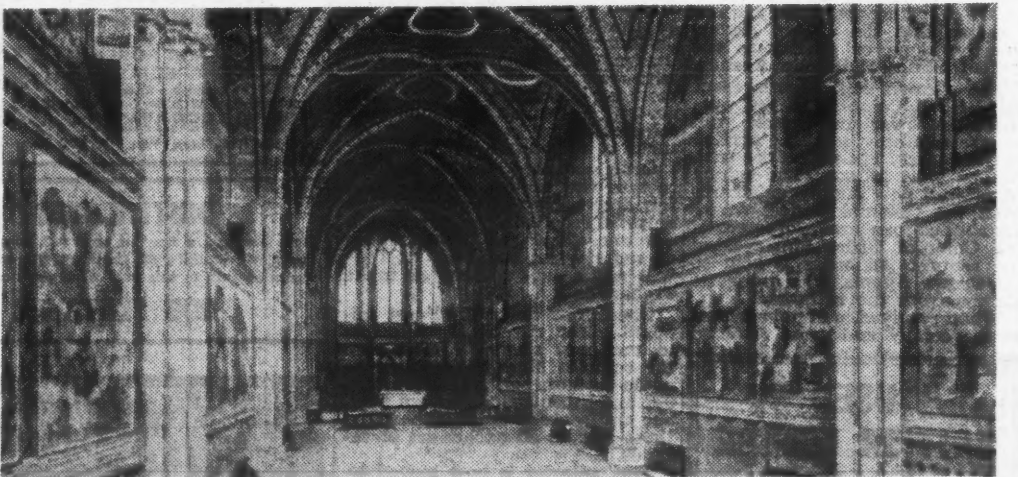
The upper church was completed in 1253 and on June 11 of the same year it was solemnly consecrated by Pope Innocent IV. Upon the death of St. Francis, Brother Elias, fearing that the body would be stolen, hid the tomb of the saint in the lower church. The exact location remained unknown until an intense search lead to its discovery in 1818.

The remains of St. Francis were exhumed and placed in the crypt, a relatively small area, with two altars back to back, one higher than the other, so that both were over the tomb.

On March 23, 1754, Pope Benedict XIV issued the Papal Bull, "Fidelis Dominus" thereby elevating the church to the rank and honor of, "Basilica Patriarchalis et Capella Papalis". By attaining the rank of Patriarchal Basilica, the altar facing the papal throne became a papal altar, that is, an altar at which no one but the pope, or one delegated by the pope, may celebrate mass.

To commemorate the second centenary of the elevation of the Basilica of St. Francis to the rank of a Patriarchal Basilica the Vatican Postal Administration released a set of two commemoratives on October 1, 1954. They were the work of P. G. Lerario, of the Order of Friars Minor. They were released in post office sheets of 40 subjects printed at the State Printing Office, Rome by the photogravure method.

The design depicts a view of the Basilica of St. Francis. To the right of the church is the symbol of Basilican dignity, a bi-colored semi-opened umbrella. This was originally the emblem of the imperial rank in Constantinople. It was adopted by the Church and today is restricted to Patriarchal Basilicas. In processions it is carried in front of the Canons of that particular church.



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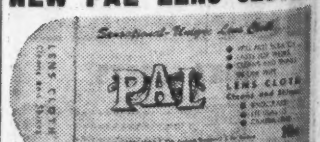
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WHY NO GENERAL SWISS U. N. O. COMMEMORATIVE?

I trust that our Swiss friends will forgive me if I explain what may appear to be an elementary point. Recently the United Nations European Office in Geneva had produced for it by the Swiss Postal Administration six new definitive stamps, and one commemorative. The latter marks the 10th anniversary of the United Nations, the other stamps are for general use to replace the current overprints.

If you ask why the Swiss post office did not release a stamp for general use in Switzerland, the answer is simple. As a non-member of the United Nations (and bound to be such by her declared and long established policy of political neutrality) she cannot honor an organization in which she does not participate.

Switzerland supports the United Nations perhaps as actively as any member, and possibly more so. She houses in Geneva, apart from the European Office (the former Palace of Nations, first built for the Societe des Nations in the late twenties), the central administrative headquarters of the International Labor Office, the International Bureau of Education, and the Universal Postal Union.

The first three organizations are users of overprinted Swiss definitive stamps. But an official letter from the Berne postal authorities tells me that the new definitive UN European Office series is only the first of three, with other parallel stamps in preparation for the ILO and the BIE. Just why the UPU (as large a user of the mails as any) should continue to be satisfied with Swiss postage stamps overprinted "Official", eludes me.

If there are to be stamps overprinted for member agencies of the United Nations, then I suggest that one of the first such agencies should be one one which, ultimately, regulates postage stamps and the services they are designed to perform.

But then the UPU Secretariat is a modest body, housed in a modest (but excellently designed and very modern building. For the literally invaluable work it does, it gets the guaranteed minimum of public attention.

That the UN European Office stamps should be available via the Swiss Philatelic Agency goes without saying; that they are excellently designed (by Hans Thoni) and superbly printed (by Courvoisier for the commemoratives, and by the Swiss Post Office printing plant for the definitives) can also be taken for granted.

But keen UNO collectors should make sure that they get these items, not on the beautifully "manufactured" covers released by the PTT "Wertzeichenverkaufsstelle" in Berne, but on genuine letters from the European Office in Geneva.

One bright point: The European Office does not possess a franking machine. This leads me to assume that all their mail will be franked using the stamps now released—and that's more than can be said for the United Nations in New York.

Artist Meerwald Tries Again

Erich Meerwald, the talented German commercial artist and creator of numerous Third Reich stamps (examples: Scott all SP types—115-7, 152, 163, 166, 168, 169-72, 183-5, 186, 189-200, 201, 245,

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To begin with he himself is a keen philatelist, and his exhibit of Classic Belgium at the recent Westropa show in Dusseldorf won him a bronze medal. He gained further prizes in the thematic sections where his beautifully arranged and written-up research collection "Hairstyles, collars and ruffs on stamps" gained a deserved gold diploma, followed by a silver diploma for his wife's collection of "Flowers in the Spring".

He also writes-up other peoples' collections and arranges them, and one such was shown at Westropa. It looked (and was) a "genuine Meerwald", even if the stamps were entered under their purchaser's name.

In a non-competitive capacity, Erich Meerwald showed a number of stamp designs—submissions to the Federal Ministry of Posts, which were however unaccepted. They are interesting examples of his style (which is well displayed in his issued stamps), but with the best will in the world, they cannot be called inspired. Straight-forward pictorial compositions, good character studies (including two fine designs for an unissued Richard Wagner commemorative, a project which failed to materialize in any form) and examples of the kind of realistic stamp design which hundreds of other artists produce in the same field.

The arrangement is good, the lettering is blameless, and many of the projects are perhaps superior to issued versions. Yet they lack, in my opinion, that essential spark of inspiration which lifts a stamp design out of the ordinary rut of the commonplace pictorial, and puts it into the sphere where one can constantly say "Well, that's something really unusual, and pleasing, at that!"

For those collectors who could not visit Dusseldorf, Mr. Meerwald has contributed a short illustrated article to the "Deutsche Zeitung für Briefmarkenkunde" (October 5, 1955 issue). It contains pictures of the most interesting of his essays, and is well worth keeping. Incidentally, that particular number of the journal, being a special publicity issue to mark its 30th anniversary, many be of interest to collectors of German material. The publishers offer to send a specimen free on request, and all inquiries should be addressed to "Verlag Werner Kuhn, (22b) Bad Ems, West Germany". The annual subscription to the magazine (26 issues) is 13.60DM (\$3.50).

New Michel Better Than Ever

Adequate supplies of the 1956 edition of the "Michel Briefmarken Katalog" should have reached the United States by the time this appears in print, so if you want a copy, your dealer will supply it. It is its usual handsome self, this year in light grey with gold blocking (a godsend to dealers in Germany selling a transparent plastic wrapper to keep the catalogues clean) and contains 1536 pages, of which the Germany and Territories part alone occupies 323.

Need I say anything about the thoroughness of the editorial contents, the expert revision it underwent at the hands of its late editor-in-chief, Martin Reith, or about the high quality of setting, printing and production? Only a lavishly equipped factory (the printers also produce the time-tables for the German State Railroad) could each year turn out so massive a volume with such smoothness and regularity.

The Michel catalogue—ever since its first edition, which was produced by an apothecary turned stamp dealer in Apolda, a town in the German Democratic Republic—has always been proud of its price neutrality. It started as the price list of Hugo Michel, but took advantage of the post-1918 period when the then universal German "Senz" Catalogue could not appear.

Very soon it outstripped its competitor, though the Senz Catalogue appeared regularly until 1943. Owing to wartime conditions in Germany, which forced the suspension of all non-essential publications, there were no more stamp catalogues until 1949, when the first post-war Michel was produced in Munich. Preparatory work had been going on in Leip-

zig, its old home, by the late owner of the work, Eugen Berlin.

With the currency reform and the creating of a separate East German state, Mr. Berlin moved from Leipzig to the neighborhood of Munich, taking a good deal of material, including cuts of the catalogue illustrations with him.

The work was printed by the present owners, Messrs. Carl Gerber Printing Office, who bought the ownership and goodwill of Eugen Berlin's Schwaneberger Album Publishing Company when Mr. Berlin grew seriously ill and died in 1950. Ever since, the Schwaneberger Co., has been responsible for the publication of the Michel Catalogue. Its offices are in the Carl Gerber building, Munich, but it is run as an entirely independent organization, publishing (besides the Michel catalogue) a good range of albums, color guides, and producing philatelic accessories.

The East German government proceeded to expropriate the nominal Schwaneberger Co. in Leipzig, and fused it with the Senz publishers in 1950, to produce the new "Lipsia" Catalogue, which was to begin with a straightforward imitation of the Michel (even using the same cuts and catalogue numbers).

Ownership was then transferred to the Nationally owned publishing undertaking "Bibliographisches Institut" who very soon dropped all reference to the former Michel and Senz catalogues and proceeded to publish the Lipsia (Latin name for Leipzig) catalogue as an independent work. No connection with the firm next door, so to speak!

The Lipsia is a good enough catalogue in its way, being firmly based on the pre-war Michel and its 1949 edition, but the prices are tied to the artificial East German currency level, apart from which the publishers proceed to exercise political censorship within its pages.

Reference to "Liberty" and other Western organizations is firmly excluded, and for example they do not illustrate the West Berlin Liberty Bell stamps, nor those issued by West Germany for prisoners of war, the June 17 rising, and others.

The U. S. comes in for similar political treatment, with the NATO stamp firmly censored as a "Treaty" commemorative (unspecified), and the Turkish stamps for the same body ruthlessly excised. Even the albums produced by the East German "Schaubek" publishing company have to toe the political line.

I referred to price neutrality before getting ensnared in the political difficulties of publishing a stamp catalogue. For U. S. correspondents (some of whom I have had the pleasure of recently meeting in person), I hear that Scott Publications are also, now, a publishing firm pure and simple. Maybe they have taken the Michel policy to heart, maybe they found that the stamp dealing business is after all only a hindrance to a thoroughgoing catalogue publisher who wants to have no cause for accusations of axes to grind which beset prominent publisher-dealers.

The editorial work on the Michel is done (and this applies to the Lipsia to some degree) by a committee of "territorial experts" who give what the advertising fraternity likes to call "vertical coverage" to a country or small group of countries, to make up—by an addition of such

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Seven annual A.S.D.A. Shows and A.S.D.A. Chapter shows in Boston, Los Angeles, and Chicago have brought stamp collecting to the attention of millions. Their impact has added active collectors in the hundreds of thousands to the ranks of philately.

The inception of this planned campaign was decided upon years ago as the most effective manner of creating a stamp collecting consciousness in the minds of the general public. Its conduct has during this time been in the hands of executive officer, Peter G. Keller, with the warm support of the incumbent presidents and other officers of the organization.

The general public came to the first show in large numbers and has continued to come in increasing numbers to each succeeding one. Of course the resources on which to base them has depended on the phenomenal growth of the A.S.D.A. in recent years.

Founded in 1914, 41 years ago, the A.S.D.A. had as few as 200 members in 1946. The most recent announced total membership is in excess of 800 and the slogan now is 1000 A.S.D.A. members by 1956.

Although the support and assistance of the national officers of the A.S.D.A. has made the organization of these chapters possible, their popularity, progress and growth have on their part contributed to the success of the A.S.D.A. as a whole. The holding of shows in Boston, Chicago and Los Angeles and possibly in other parts of the country, indicates that these Chapters are not mere geographic divisions of the organization, but individually inspired groups of professional philatelists bent on serving their profession to the best of their ability. That they have done so, and that they will continue to do so, there is no doubt and it is a striking commentary on the life and virility of the organization that it is now a truly national one with members everywhere.

Peter G. Keller, the executive officer, has been the leading figure in the recent history of the A.S.D.A. The growth of the organization, the formation of Chapters, the general prosperity is contributed to his untiring efforts and unflagging zeal in a very large measure.

Historically the A.S.D.A. was founded in 1914 with Max Ohlman, presently a patriarch of the A.S.D.A. and still an active dealer, as president.

In the years that followed many prominent men have served as chief officer of the A.S.D.A. They are Max Ohlman, John A. Kleemann, Eugene Klein, H. F. Colman, Charles Severn, J. M. Bartels, Hugh M. Clark, J. J. Kleemann Jr., Sidney F. Barrett, Emil Bruechig, Norman Serphos, Peter G. Keller, Edson J. Fifield, Herbert F. Reuben, and John A. Fox.

It is interesting also to note that the A. S. D. A. since its inception has regularly published a bulletin. For many years this was edited by Walter F. Slusser, who a great part of the time was in the U. S. Army and the Bulletin was edited and published from whatever place his activities placed him at the time.

Though modest in size this bulletin is of vast interest and considerable authority publishing as it does information regarding members and much official news of the organization itself.

In addition to the conduct of its own affairs the A.S.D.A. has always been foremost in promoting worthwhile movements in the philatelic field. It is the backbone of dealer participation and financial support when the great international exhibitions themselves are organized.

It is a member of the Philatelic Foundation and in general has so conducted itself as to be always on the side of the public spirited element in philately.

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The Global Cover Society will hold its second mail auction sale at the end of November. It is limited to covers and the material offered includes virtually all types from stampless to modern maximum cards.

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AIRMAIL (Continued from page 33)

at Hong Kong April 28, and left early next morning for Manila without stopping at Macao. All first flight covers from Macao, on the return flight are via Hong Kong.

The postal administrations of the U.S.A., Philippines, and Macao commemorated this important aerial conquest with appropriate cachets, applied to all first flight covers. The conservative British colony of Hong Kong did not provide a first flight cachet—they just ignored the importance of this historical aerial conquest.

By closing the gap, between Manila and Hong Kong, around the world air service was established, and to prove it I possess a cover, which I mailed around the world all by regular scheduled airlines.

The more desirable first flight covers over the trans-Pacific route are the Experimental Flights of 1935, covers from Midway and Wake, also covers from Guam with the semi-official Palm Tree cachet, representing the official seal of the Navy Department of Guam.

To describe in detail the extensive and successive inaugurations, of trans-ocean air lanes, by the flying clipper ships of Pan American in the short span of twenty years would require a book. The part they played in peace and in war is well known. Today the flying "Clipper Ships" carry your mail around the world and the sun never sets upon the wings of a clipper.

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Had it not been for the kind cooperation of the U. S. Post Office Department, the philatelic press and PAA the pioneers of first regular trans-ocean airmail, we could never possess the first flight covers of twenty years ago.

In closing I would like to pay tribute to the airpost collectors, who had the foresight, to collect and preserve for posterity the authentic records of the development of the airmail service of our country. Also to the American Airmail Society for publishing the American Air Mail Catalogue, the Encyclopedia of Aero-Philately. Airpost collecting is ever popular, fascinating and educational — many enjoyable hours await those who study the conquest of the air as told by aero-philately.

BRITISH FISCALS (Continued from page 28)

series, the first being letterpress printed in a colored border design of wavy lines, drawn by Victor Reinganum.

The second series, the figure in the center, with a symbolical wing design and King George VI pattern Tudor crown is by Abram Games, noted also for several British and Israeli stamps; the latest type, figure at bottom right with a "white knight" figure and ribbon, and Elizabeth pattern St. Edwards Crown, is by an unnamed designer.



Two types of 4d National Insurance stamps.

The sets vary only in the denominations, ranging from 4d to about 15 shillings, comprising twelve or more values.

Yet another rarely seen type is the Entertainments Duty, being collected by the Board of Trade (different types for Great Britain and Northern Ireland), values ranging between 4d and 10/- (Britain, total 42 denominations) and 2d and 2/- (Northern Ireland, total 20 denominations).

Then there are National Savings stamps, denominations of 6d and 2/6, showing portraits of Prince Charles and Princess Anne, but these are not uncommon.

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mon. Finally, it should be noted that British postage stamps can be overprinted and used for fiscal purposes, the most common stamp thus found being the 2d stamp used on all receipts for sums of \$2 and over.

High value stamps can be used for payment of Estate Duty fees (30 or 50 shillings). Registration of Business Names (5 shillings) and in denominations of 1/-, 2/6d, 5/-, 10/- and \$1 for sticking on cards and payment of income tax.

The 6d stamp is also used on large numbers of agreements, and as such is printed in double-fugitive light mauve ink — the only color chosen for fiscal requirements in the whole postage set.

So here you are, you collectors of revenues. Happy hunting!

THREE GERMANIES (Continued from page 37)

vertical coverage—a compound horizontal coverage over the whole of Europe. The Overseas Michel is quite another chapter, to which it might not be wise to refer in print.

These experts are often dealers who know their specialties at their finger tips, and very often they are collectors who know (or try to know) even more than the dealers. That this is possible can only be explained by the unique set-up of German collectordom, with its beautifully oiled integration into sub-group and study circles, Land Association and National Federation, which enables the expert in one field or another to be instantly discovered.

And if there are any fields as yet unploughed, they get down to it, and proceed to plough it, not so much because of the interest "per se", but because it has never been done before, and who knows, it might be useful one day!

To explain this, I would like to refer to a lecture by the editor of the "Neues Handbuch der Briefmarkenkunde", the successor to the famed "Kohl Handbuch" by the late Dr. Herbert Munk, and one of the classic encyclopedias of philately in the making. The overseas section had reached M for Macao, and behold, there was a small Portuguese colony, in which interest was light, and no one knew about it. What did they do? They wrote to Macao, to contact local collectors.

Certainly no-one, even in Germany, collected the field so intensively as to be able to write an encyclopaedic chapter in it. But the collectors in Macao (such as they were) all collected Hong Kong, and the Hong Kong collectors were more interested in other British colonials.

So resort had to be made to Lisbon sources. It was fortunate that the Lisbon International Stamp Centenary show was being held about this period, and it provided a good excuse for a trip to Lisbon. There, and only through personal negotiation with the Portuguese Colonial Ministry, was it possible to unearth the documents and records relating to Macao material, and thus to fill a gap.

What the Portuguese collectors said when they saw the industrious Germans do their work for them, history does not record. No one is likely to collect Macao more intensively for all that, but should anyone do so, well, the "Neues Handbuch" has an excellent chapter on the subject, and why not use it as a basis?

Correspondence, Please

Contact with my readers is essential. May I ask, please, that if you have any queries on the points I raise, or any constructive (or destructive) comments, that you drop me a line? Please contact me via The Editor, Linn's Weekly Stamp News. Mr. Rueth will be happy to forward mail as quickly as possible. Thank you. Any interesting points will be dealt with in this column, and all correspondents are ensured of an individual answer. For airmail reply, please enclose 15c in U. S. mint stamps, or three international reply coupons.

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	Un- used	Un- used	Used
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370 2c Alaska	6.00	3.00	.65
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	Un- used	Un- used	Used
	Bk.	Sgl.	Sgl.
537 3c Violet	14.50	4.25	1.00
548 1c Green	3.75	1.20	.30
549 2c Carmine	2.10	.50	.10
550 5c Blue	3.25	1.85	

1923 HARDING

	Un- used	Un- used	Used
	Bk.	Sgl.	Sgl.
610 2c Black	1.85	.30	.08
611 2c Black - Imprf.	11.50	3.80	1.00
612 2c Rotary	18.50	8.00	1.75

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	Un- used	Un- used	Used
	Bk.	Sgl.	Sgl.
614 1c Green	3.25	1.00	.25
615 2c Carmine	5.00	1.50	.35
616 5c Blue	31.50	12.50	3.00

1925 LEXINGTON-CONCORD ISSUE

	Un- used	Un- used	Used
	Bk.	Sgl.	Sgl.
617 1c Green	3.50	1.20	.30
618 2c Carmine	5.50	1.80	.45
619 5c Blue	19.00	6.50	1.35

1925 NORSE AMERICAN

	Un- used	Un- used	Used
	Bk.	Sgl.	Sgl.
620 2c Carmine-Blk.	2.00	.50	.45
621 5c Blue-Blk. (8)	70.00	11.50	2.75

1925-29 COMMEMORATIVE ISSUES

	Un- used	Un- used	Used
	Bk.	Sgl.	Sgl.
627 2c Sequi	5.00	1.20	.23
628 5c Ericsson	12.75	4.00	1.00
629 2c White Plains	4.25	1.00	.25
643 2c Vermont	3.00	.70	.20
644 2c Burgoyne	5.25	1.60	.38
645 2c Valley Forge	2.00	.60	.15
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	Bk.	Sgl.	Sgl.
657 2c Sullivan	3.00	.35	.10
680 2c Wayne	3.75	.75	.18
681 2c Ohio	2.50	.40	.10
682 2c Mass.	3.00	.30	.08
683 2c Charleston	5.00	.70	.17
688 2c Braddock	4.50	.45	.12
689 2c Von Steuben	3.50	.42	.11
690 2c Pulaski	1.75	.28	.07
702 2c Red Cross	.75	.20	.05
703 2c Yorktown	.60	.30	.08

1932 WASHINGTON BICENTENNIAL

	Un- used	Un- used	Used
	Bk.	Sgl.	Sgl.
704 1/2c Brown	.30	.10	.03
705 1c Green	.25	.15	.05
706 1 1/2c Brown	.95	.30	.08
707 2c Carmine	.30	.15	.04
708 3c Purple	.95	.35	.10
709 4c Brown	1.00	.35	.09
710 5c Blue	1.75	1.10	.28
711 6c Orange	4.50	1.60	.40
712 7c Black	.80	.48	.12
713 8c Olive	4.00	1.20	.30
714 9c Red	4.00	1.80	.45
715 10c Yellow	10.00	4.50	1.10

1932-34 COMMEMORATIVE ISSUES

	Un- used	Un- used	Used
	Bk.	Sgl.	Sgl.
716 2c Lake Placid	1.30	.25	.06
717 2c Arbor Day	.60	.25	.06
718 3c Olympics	1.75	.52	.13
719 5c Olympics	2.75	.80	.20
724 3c Penn.	2.50	.40	.10
725 3c Webster	3.50	.60	.15
726 3c Oglethorpe	2.25	.40	.10
727 3c Newburgh	.55	.25	.07
728 1c Chicago	.45	.20	.05
729 3c Chicago	.50	.28	.07
732 3c N.R.A.	.35	.26	.07
733 3c Byrd	3.00	1.20	.30
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736 3c Maryland	1.50	.36	.09
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738 3c Mothers-Flat	.70	.30	.08
739 3c Wisconsin	.70	.30	.08

1934 NATIONAL PARKS ISSUES

	Un- used	Un- used	Used
	Bk.	Sgl.	Sgl.
740 1c Green	.25	.10	.03
741 2c Carmine	.35	.20	.05
742 3c Purple	.75	.30	.08
743 4c Brown	1.15	.40	.10
744 5c Blue	1.00	.60	.15
745 6c Indigo	2.25	.95	.25
746 7c Black	2.50	.70	.18
747 8c Green	3.00	1.05	.25
748 9c Red	3.50	1.10	.28
749 10c Grey	5.00	1.60	.40

1935-36 COMMEMORATIVE ISSUES

	Un- used	Un- used	Used
	Bk.	Sgl.	Sgl.
772 3c Conn.	.35	.24	.06
773 3c San Diego	.35	.24	.06
774 3c Boulder Dam	.50	.24	.06
775 3c Michigan	.35	.24	.06
776 3c Texas	.35	.24	.06
777 3c Rhode Island	.40	.24	.06
782 3c Arkansas	.35	.24	.06
783 3c Oregon	.35	.24	.06
784 3c Susan Anthony	.25	.20	.05

1936 ARMY-NAVY ISSUES

	Un- used	Un- used	Used
	Bk.	Sgl.	Sgl.
785 1c Green	.15	.10	.03
786 2c Red	.24	.20	.05
787 3c Orange	.25	.20	.06
788 4c Grey	.90	.30	.07
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792 3c Purple	.25	.20	.06
793 4c Grey	.75	.30	.07
794 5c Blue	.80	.40	.10
795 5c Ordinance	.30	.20	.06
796 5c Virginia Dare	1.50	.60	.15
798 3c Constitution	.35	.22	.06
799 3c Hawaii	.30	.22	.06
800 3c Alaska	.35	.25	.07
801 3c Puerto Rico	.35	.25	.07
802 3c Virgin Islands	.30	.22	.06
835 3c Ratification	.85	.45	.12
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837 3c S.M. Northwest	3.00	.40	.10
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853 3c New York Fair	.50	.30	.07
854 3c Inauguration	1.10	.48	.12
855 3c Baseball	.70	.40	.10
856 3c Canal Zone	1.20	.45	.10
857 3c Printing	.40	.28	.07
858 3c Four States	.40	.24	.06

1909 LINCOLN-ALASKA-HUDSON ISSUES

	Un- used	Un- used	Used
	Bk.	Sgl.	Sgl.
859 1c Irving	.20	.12	.03
860 2c Cooper	.30	.15	.04
861 3c Emerson	.50	.25	.07
862 5c Alcott	1.10	.50	.12
863 10c Clemens	7.50	2.00	.50
864 1c Longfellow	.35	.28	.07
865 2c Whittier	.30	.20	.05
866 3c Lowell	.70	.45	.12
867 5c Whitman	1.50	.45	.12
868 10c Riley	8.00	4.00	1.00
869 1c Mann	.33	.20	.05
870 2c Hopkins	.35	.28	.07
871 3c Elliott	.78	.70	.18
872 5c Willard	1.50	.47	.12
873 10c Washington	3.75	1.80	.45
874 1c Audubon	.24	.11	.03
875 2c Long	.24	.20	.05
876 3c Burbank	.35	.24	.06
877 5c Reed	1.00	.35	.09
878 10c Adams	3.50	1.60	.40
879 1c Foster	.30	.11	.03
880 2c Sousa	.30	.20	.05
881 3c Herbert	.40	.28	.07
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891 3c McCormick	.50	.45	.10
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1923 HARDING

	Un- used	Un- used	Used
	Bk.	Sgl.	Sgl.
894 3c Pony Express	1.95	1.05	.26
895 3c Pan American	1.60	.80	.20
896 3c Idaho	.75	.40	.10
897 3c Wyoming	.90	.38	.10
898 3c Colorado	.90	.38	.10
899 1c Defense	.20	.08	.03
900 2c Defense	.24	.12	.03
901 3c Defense	.55	.22	.06
902 3c Emancipation	1.35	.45	.12
903 3c Vermont	.80	.40	.10
904 3c Kentucky	.65	.22	.06
905 3c Win the War	.25	.17	.05
906 5c China	3.70	.85	.21
907 2c United Nations	.20	.12	.03
908 1c Four Freedoms	.25	.08	.02

1924 HUGENOT-WALLOON ISSUE

	Un- used	Un- used	Used
	Bk.	Sgl.	Sgl.
909 5c Poland	1.55	.50	.12
910 5c Czechoslovakia	.54	.35	.09
911 5c Norway	.40	.32	.08
912 5c Luxembourg	.40	.32	.08
913 5c Netherlands	.40	.32	.08
914 5c Belgium	.40	.32	.08
915 5c France	.50	.33	.08
916 5c Greece	1.05	.45	.12
917 5c Yugoslavia	.90	.40	.10
918 5c Albania	.90	.40	.10
919 5c Austria	.90	.46	.09
920 5c Denmark	.90	.45	.12
921 5c Korea	1.90	.50	.13

1925 LEXINGTON-CONCORD ISSUE

	Un- used	Un- used	Used
	Bk.	Sgl.	Sgl.
922 3c Railroad	.36	.18	.05
923 3c Steamship	.36	.18	.05
924 3c Telegraph	.40	.20	.05
925 3c Corridor	.65	.23	.06
926 3c Motion Picture	.40	.20	.05
927 3c Florida	.30	.20	.05
928 5c United Nations	.32	.28	.07
929 3c Iwo Jima	.22	.16	.05
930 1c Roosevelt	.11	.08	.03
931 2c Roosevelt	.22	.14	.04
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933 5c Roosevelt	.31	.27	.07
934 3c Army	.20	.18	.05

1925 NORSE AMERICAN

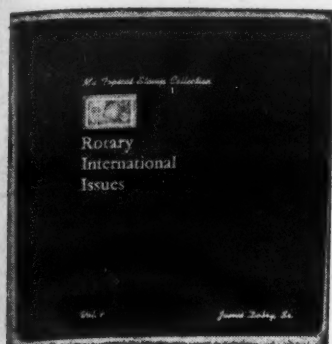
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937 3c Al Smith	.20	.18	.05
938 3c Texas	.20	.18	.05
939 3c Merch. Marines	.20	.18	.05
940 3c Dis. Button	.20	.18	.05
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942 3c Iowa	.20	.18	.05
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947 3c Centenary	.20	.18	.05
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949 3c Utah	.20	.18	.05
950 3c Constitution	.20	.18	.05
951 3c Carver	.20	.18	.05
952 3c Calif. Gold	.24	.18	.05

1925-29 COMMEMORATIVE ISSUES

	Un- used	Un- used	Used
	Bk.	Sgl.	Sgl.
953 3c Mississippi	.24	.18	.05
954 3c Chaplains	.24	.18	.05
955 3c Wisconsin	.24	.18	.05
956 5c Sw. Pioneers	.40	.28	.07

1925 NORSE AMERICAN

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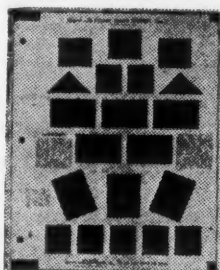
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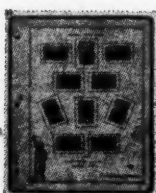


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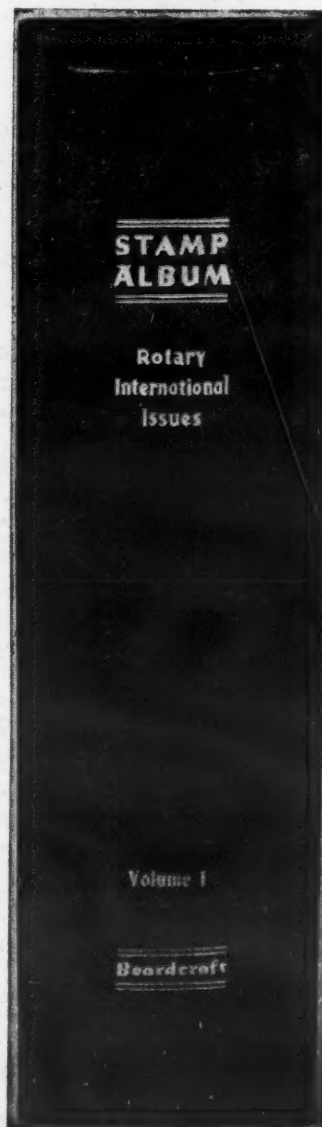
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What is called "an illustrated lecture program" has been a feature of the past six of these exhibitions and will be one of the highlights of the 1955 show.

Imaginative planning by persons of experience, together with co-operation by governmental postal administrations, including the United States and the United Nations, is essential to the success of a project of this character. As has been customary, the program is being formulated by a committee chaired by Franklin R. Bruns, Jr., head of the philatelic division of the Smithsonian Institution.

Peter G. Keller, the show's general manager, discloses that Mr. Bruns has come up with an "every hour on the hour" curriculum which will have the support of governments, airlines, Scout leaders, and the hobby's major societies.

This program will be virtually continuous throughout the show. As tentatively prepared, the schedule is as follows:—

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 12 Noon—United States Post Office Department film, "Pigeon Holes and Progress", through the courtesy of the Post Office Department.
 1 P. M.—Film: "Production of Swiss Postage Stamps, No. 1", through the courtesy of the National Federation of Stamp Clubs.
 2 P. M.—Film: "Production of Swiss Postage Stamps, No. 2", through the courtesy of the National Federation of Stamp Clubs.
 3 P. M.—Slides: "Production of United States Postage Stamps", through the courtesy of the Post Office Department. Shown by John Thompson, photographer, U. S. POD.
 4 P. M.—Showing of selected material from the National Postage Stamp Collection, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., by Franklin R. Bruns, Jr.
 5 P. M.—Film: "This is Scandinavia", through the courtesy of Scandinavian Airlines System, Inc.
 6 P. M.—Film: "United Nations, N. Y." The story of United Nations stamps, through the courtesy of Reidar Tvedt, Chief, United Nations Postal Administration.
 7 P. M.—Women's Philatelic Society of New York program, conducted by Mrs. Sophie Buser, president.
 8 P. M.—Germany Philatelic Society Program.
 9 P. M.—Film: "On Top of the Ski-World," through the courtesy of the Scandinavian Airlines System, Inc.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 11 A. M.—Bronx County Stamp Club program.
 12 Noon—Girl Scouts of America program. Films, slides and quiz. Conducted by Mrs. Leona Pecha. Prizes.
 1 P. M.—American Topical Association program, conducted by Ailyn H. Wright.
 2 P. M.—Boy Scouts of America program. Films, slides, and quiz. Conducted by Mrs. Evelyn Chapman. Prizes.
 3 P. M.—American Philatelic Society program, conducted by Leon Gedaly, regional governor.
 4 P. M.—Society of Philatelic Americans program, conducted by Fred Barovick, vice president.
 5 P. M.—Women's International Stamp Club program.
 6 P. M.—Film: "The Pepper Bird". Natives, costumes, native dancers and scenes from Liberia. Colored film by courtesy of the Republic of Liberia.
 7 P. M.—Film: "Stage Coach to the Stars". Canadian Post Office Department film traces the history of the post from early days to the transport of mail by air. Film by courtesy of the National Federation of Stamp Clubs.
 8 P. M.—United Nations Program. The purpose of the U. N. stamp clubs and how they serve young collectors, given by Tony Simon, director, United Nations Stamp Clubs.
 9 P. M.—Film: "Pigeon Holes and Progress", through the courtesy of the U. S. POD.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 2 P. M.—Bureau Issues Association program, conducted by Sol Glass, president, with the cooperation of the All Boro Collectors Club.
 3 P. M.—National Philatelic Museum program, conducted by Bernard Davis, director, and members of the museum staff.
 4 P. M.—Society of Israel Philatelists program.
 5 P. M.—Slides: "Production of United States Postage Stamps," through the courtesy of the U. S. POD. Shown by John Thompson.
 6 P. M.—Film: "The Pepper Bird". Natives, Costumes, native dancers and scenes from Liberia. Color films by courtesy of the Republic of Liberia.
 7 P. M.—Film: "Stage Coach to the Stars". Canadian Post Office Department film traces the history of the post from early days to the transport of mail by air. Film by courtesy of the National Federation of Stamp Clubs.

All the above are offered to stamp show attendees without cost. The admission price to the Armory itself includes an admission to these programs.

"American Revenuer" Increased In Content

Collectors interested in Revenue Stamps should be pleased in the increased size of the "American Revenuer", official magazine of the American Revenue Assn.

Formerly the size of the American Revenuer was restricted to eight pages, excepting in the case of special issues. Increased interest in the revenue stamp field, and an ever increasing membership has led to greater resources, which have made it possible to increase the magazine to twelve pages, and it is hoped that it will be possible to enlarge it still further early next year.

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The History of Illinois in Postal Slogans began in 1902 when Peoria commemorated the ELK'S CARNIVAL PEORIA, ILL. WEEK OF JUNE 23, 1902 and in 1917; Peoria honored the INTERNATIONAL DRY FARMING CONGRESS AND EXPOSITION PEORIA, ILL. SEPTEMBER 17-29.

During 1917 and 1918, Springfield commemorated the ILLINOIS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION 1918; and Chicago advised the public that FOOD WILL WIN THE WAR DON'T WASTE IT.

In 1920 and 1921, to aid the Nation's Recruiting Drive, Chicago used JOIN THE NAVY TRAINING - TRAVEL; Peoria used EARN - LEARN - TRAVEL JOIN THE ARMY; and Springfield used EARN WHILE YOU LEARN JOIN U. S. ARMY.

Chicago, in 1921, advertised the PAGEANT OF PROGRESS EXPOSITION CHICAGO JULY 30 - AUG. 14, 1921.

During 1922, Chicago commemorated and sloganized three events: CHICAGO BOYS WEEK MAY 19 - 25, 1922; INTERNATIONAL LIVE STOCK EXPOSITION CHICAGO DECEMBER 2 TO 9, 1922; PAGEANT OF PROGRESS EXPOSITION CHICAGO JULY 29 - AUG. 14, 1922. Freeport honored the 64th ANNIVERSARY LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE FREEPORT AUG. 26, 1922; and Aurora sloganized THE CENTRAL STATES FAIR AND EXPOSITION AUG. 18 - 26, 1922.

The NATIONAL POULTRY SHOW UNION STOCK YARDS JAN 17-23 was honored by Chicago during 1922 and 1923. In 1923, Chicago advertised the CITIZENS' TRAINING CAMP - CAMP CUSTER, MICHIGAN AUG. 1 SEPT. 1; and honored the CONVENTION JUNE 3 - 7 ASSO. ADV. CLUBS WORLD ATLANTIC CITY; NATIONAL COUNCIL TRAVELING SALESMEN SEPT. 5-6-7 ATLANTIC CITY; and the INTERNATIONAL LIVE STOCK EXPOSITION CHICAGO DECEMBER 1 TO 8, 1923.

Aurora again sloganized THE CENTRAL STATES FAIR AND EXPOSITION AUG. 17 - 25, 1923.

Starting with 1924 and continuing through 1929, Chicago advised us to LET'S GO CITIZENS' MILITARY TRAINING CAMPS.

During 1933, Chicago commemorated the CENTURY OF PROGRESS WORLD'S FAIR JUN 1 - NOV. 1 CHICAGO 1933; and in 1934 used the same slogan with two variations in the year date; 1933 and 1934.

CENTURY OF PROGRESS EXPOSITION was used at the Fair during 1933 and 1934 at the U. S. RY. Postal Car Exhibit, Chicago.

During 1947, Chicago joined with 23 other cities throughout the country in advertising and commemorating the 1847 CENTENARY 1947 INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION MAY 17 - 25, 1947 U. S. POSTAGE STAMPS.

Three events were honored in 1948; NAVY DAY OCTOBER 27 (Waukegan on October 27); RAILROAD FAIR OPEN THRU SEPT. (Chicago, Central City Sta.); and on June 19, Moline used a replica of the first cancel used in 1847, MOLINE JUN 19 ILL.

In 1949, RAILROAD FAIR THRU OCT. 2ND was used at Chicago, Gold Gulch Sta. (Central City Sta. and Gold Gulch Sta. were created for use at each of the Railroad Fairs, 1948 and 1949); and in conjunction with other cities nationwide Chicago commemorated PART OF THE TEAM FOR SECURITY ARMY DAY APRIL 6.

To aid the Nation's drive for World Peace, Chicago, during September 1950, advertised the MARSHALL PLAN PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE; and from May 29 to August 20, sloganized the 1st U. S. INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR CHICAGO AUGUST 7 - 20, 1950.

A Golden Jubilee and Two Centennials were also commemorated in 1950; GOLDEN JUBILEE AUGUST 13-20 INCLUSIVE 50 YEARS OF PROGRESS (Herrin);

BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS 1850-1950 CENTENNIAL; MURPHYSBORO CENTENNIAL SEPTEMBER 26-29, 1950.

Starting in 1951 and continuing through 1955, Chicago has advised its inhabitants to PLEASE HELP KEEP YOUR PARKS CLEAN; and from 1950 through 1955 advised all to APPLY NOW COAST GUARD ACADEMY ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

A Golden Jubilee and a Centennial were sloganized in 1951; 1901 GOLDEN JUBILEE 1951 AUGUST 19 - 23 OAK PARK, ILLINOIS; NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY 1851 CENTENNIAL 1951 (at Evanston).

Three Centennials were celebrated in 1952: CENTENNIAL WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS JUNE 16 - 22, 1952; ROCKFORD CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION JUNE 7 - 13, 1952; SHEFFIELD 1852 AUG. 1952 CENTENNIAL.

From 1952 through 1955, Chicago has aided a recruiting drive with EARN LEARN SERVE JOIN WOMEN IN THE ARMED SERVICES NOW.

During 1953—nine Centennials are one 125th anniversary were commemorated: MCKENDREE COLLEGE 125TH ANNIVERSARY 1828 - 1953 (Lebanon); SHIMER COLLEGE CENTENNIAL MAY 1853 - MAY 1953 (Mt. Carroll); CASEY'S FIRST 100 YEARS 1853-1953; 1853 - 1953 WENONA CENTENNIAL JULY 25 - AUGUST 2; LITCHFIELD CENTENNIAL 1853 - 1953 A CENTURY OF PROGRESS; MONMOUTH COLLEGE CENTENNIAL 1853 - 1953 (Monmouth); MENDOTA CENTENNIAL JUBILEE AUG. 9 - 15, 1953; OTTAWA CENTENNIAL A CENTURY OF ACHIEVEMENT JULY 12 - 17; ORION, ILLINOIS 1853-1953 CENTENNIAL; OUR FIRST HUNDRED YEARS KANSAS ILLINOIS 1853 - 1953.

In order to publicize "Education at Work", Waukegan advertised AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK VISIT YOUR SCHOOLS during 1953, 1954 and 1955.

Chicago advertised FOOD FOR FITNESS ILLINOIS NUTRITION WEEK NOV. 15 - 21; and Murphysboro celebrated the ILLINOIS FRUIT FESTIVAL MURPHYSBORO, ILLINOIS SEPTEMBER 25 - 28, 1953.

In 1954, Olney advised all to ATTEND NAT'L PLOW MATCH & CONSERVATION FIELD DAYS SEPT. 16 - 18, 1954 and Evanston announced that EVANSTON WELCOMES WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AUGUST 1954. Chicago joined New York City, Los Angeles and Philadelphia in aiding the drive for World Peace with SUPPORT YOUR CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM during February of 1954 and 1955.

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EXHIBITIONS
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sheet, the stamps in the original blue with a red background. Both the stamps as well as the sheet commanded a premium from the beginning and sell now for 60c and 75c respectively.

Following the "Norvex" there was the "STOCKHOLMIA" show which was held in Stockholm from July 1 to 10. The official title was "International Stamp Exhibition in Stockholm 1955—Centenary of the Swedish Postage Stamp". It was organized by the Swedish post office in close cooperation with the Swedish Philatelic Society and it was under the patronage of King Gustaf VI Adolf. The affair took place in the Liljevalch Art Gallery and it was a great success in every respect.

Last year, when I visited Scandinavia, the forthcoming Stockholmia was already the foremost topic amongst philatelists. The "F.I.P." held its annual congress at the time of the exhibition and so did the Scandinavian Philatelic Congress.

Earlier Sweden had issued three stamps to celebrate the centenary of her first postage stamps. Now in honor of the Stockholmia five stamps in the denominations of 3, 4, 6, 8 and 24 ore were released in the form of five miniature sheets of nine. The stamps were reprints of Sweden's first ones, the "skilling bancos", issued July 1, 1855.

They were, again, only obtainable in connection with an admission ticket which cost 2 kronor. Only 300,000 of the sheets were printed and the original price was about \$4.50 for the set of five sheets. These stamps and especially the sheets proved excellent buys from the beginning. Our correspondent in Stockholm wrote us that no dealer could get more than 1000 sets and during the end of the exhibition no more sheets were sold to the visitors at all. They were restricted to three single sets and on the last day of the show to only one set.

It seems therefore that no one got any big quantities with the result that prices sky-rocketed and the set retails today at \$2.35 and the sheets cost \$19.50. Thus the Stockholmia items turned out to be the best of all the exhibition stamps of this year and I predict still further price-increases. A rather large contingent of American philatelists visited both Norvex and Stockholmia and quite a few awards were bestowed on exhibiting American collectors.

As I reported so far Finland, Norway and Sweden all had hidden surtaxes, in as much as every buyer was forced to pay for the respective admission tickets, whether he attended the show or not, if he wanted to acquire a set or sheet. With the exception of the organizing committees of the shows and perhaps some speculators nobody liked this scheme and dealers had a hard time to explain why, for instance, the respective Finnish stamp with a face value of 25mk should cost \$2.50, when similar 25mk stamps cost only 15c.

There are four alternatives to this problem. Stanley Gibbons of London solved it by just ignoring these stamps and sheets and

not listing them. Then there is a second possibility to list the stamps all right but without prices. Then there is a third solution to list the items taking just the face value in account and thus pricing, for instance, the 25mk of Finland at 20c, the same price as for other like denominations, for instance Scott No. 325, the Nervander, which would be quite illogical, of course.

The fourth and last solution is to price the items with their actual market value and in this case Scott has priced No. 326, at \$3.50 in italics, that means lack of definite information. In my opinion Scott is this time, at least, right. In contrast to Stanley Gibbons all these centenary and exhibition stamps and sheets with their hidden surtaxes should be listed and priced with their actual market prices and an explanatory note should be added to each item.

After all they are legitimate items and saw postal duty. That their release was manipulated in an unorthodox way is another story which influenced the prices. This is past history and you can't do a thing now. If you don't like it and don't want to pay the exorbitant price you have the privilege to do without these stamps. But a storm of protest should be launched in ADVANCE whenever any authority (postal or otherwise) plans to jack up the prices of future commemoratives. That's where our philatelic organizations of dealers and collectors alike, nationwide or international, should swing into action. Here is a field where the afore-mentioned F.I.P. could prove its usefulness.

The next event on the international scene took place behind the Iron Curtain. It was the "SIXTH POLISH NATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION" in Poznan, Poland from July 7 to 24. It was in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the end of World War II. From the "sixth" you can rightfully deduce that there have been five other exhibitions before. Yes, they are quite active with regard to our hobby in Poland and had shows: 1, at Warszawa in May 1919; 2—in Warszawa again in May 1928; 3 — Torun, 1933; 4 — Katowice, 1934; 5—in Warszawa in 1938.

This year's show was held in the High School of Economics in Poznan which before 1918 was the former German town of Posen. Two colorful souvenir sheets were released, 2Zl. plus 1Zl. and 3Zl. plus 1.50Zl., the surtax going to the Polish Philatelic Society. The design shows the Poznan Town Hall. With every admission ticket (price 3 Zlotys) one set of souvenir sheets could be obtained. It was again a tie-in sale, Scandinavian style, and you can see that such harmful innovations are quickly imitated.

The next affair was DEALERS BOURSE in Vienna Austria, May 8 under the auspices of the Austrian Stamp Dealers' Association. On September 18 and 19 an event of international scope took place, the INTERNATIONAL DEALERS' BOURSE in Vienna. This was a prelude to the "Praga 1955" in neighboring Czechoslovakia, the second big philatelic affair which was staged this year behind the Iron Curtain.

What appears to have been the

most important stamp exhibition within the Russian orbit was the "PRAGA" held in Prague, Czechoslovakia, from September 10 till September 25.

The prospectus which reached me was published in five languages, namely Czech, Russian, German, English and French in that order. The show was sponsored by the Federation of Czechoslovakian Philatelic Clubs in close cooperation with the Czech government. The exhibition celebrated the 10th anniversary of the country's liberation after World War II. The slogan of the show was, "The International Stamp Exhibitions contribute to common understandings of the peoples of the world and to the strengthening of the peace."

To this we all wholeheartedly can subscribe. That there is much "peace propaganda" behind the Iron Curtain is small wonder even in connection with a stamp show, but today even Western authorities harp steadily on this theme.

In connection with the show two souvenir sheets, one perforated and one imperforate, were issued, showing famous buildings and landmarks of beautiful Praha. Though the combined face value of both sheets is only 7.40 Kcs. the sheets were priced at 12.40 as it was necessary to purchase two admission tickets @ 2.50 Kcs. to obtain both sheets. As an interesting and new feature (we hope not to be imitated by other postal authorities!), ARTIA, the philatelic department of the government announced in its circular that even this jacked-up price for both sheets will only hold good until September 25 the final day of the show. In other words, dealers and collectors will have to pay more (how much more has not yet been revealed) after that date.

The idea behind all this is to encourage substantial purchases in the beginning after this hint (Continued on page 55)

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DUTCH ROYALTY ON VISIT TO NWI. Two semipostal stamps were issued by the Netherlands Antilles on October 19 to mark the royal visit of Queen Juliana and Prince Bernhard to this Dutch possession. While there the royal couple dedicated a statue to the Queen's mother and former ruler, Queen Wilhelmina. Both stamps have the same design, the Queen on the right, the Prince on the left and between them Neptune with a triton in his left hand and a conch-shell in his right upon which he is blowing. Denominations are 7½c plus 2½c red, and 22½c plus 7½c blue. The cover came from M. R. Holly, Lago Colony, P. O. Box 161, Aruba, NWI.

United Kingdom Comment
George Saint

By now readers will no doubt be familiar with the designs for the British high values which were released on September 1 (10/-, £1) and September 23 (2/6, 5/-) respectively. They are—at last—a satisfactory quattrain. Previously there was too much preoccupation with heraldry, but now the authorities have given way to an incessant demand for pictorial designs, and Lynton Lamb has furnished some excellent examples, which have been well engraved and printed by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons.

The connection of the castles with the Royal Family is fairly evident; normally, when not at Buckingham Palace in London, the Queen is resident in Windsor Castle. Edinburgh Castle (though one commentator complained about the view of the barrack block being shown instead of the Royal Chapel, which would not have made such a picturesque composition) is the official residence of royalty when in Scotland, although in fact only rarely used as such.

Normally they prefer to spend their Scottish holidays in Balmoral Castle, a "Scottish Baronial" creation attributed largely to Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's consort, who liked Deeside, and converted a former hunting lodge into a sumptuous mock-medieval erection.

Carnarvon Castle, where the Prince of Wales is proclaimed, is as near a royal connection as Wales can furnish. The edifice itself was constructed in the 13th century as part of Edward I plans for a series of fortified strongholds to subdue the rebellious Welsh. Most of these castles have long fallen into ruin, a number were razed during the civil wars of the 17th century, when they were royalist strongholds and had to be conquered piecemeal by Cromwell's army. Being strongly fortified, they held out for long periods, and as a result, their fortifications were levelled and buildings blown up. Usually only the curtain walls being the most solid part of the structure, survive. Fortunately in Carnarvon (though here also the central residential buildings have completely vanished) the structure was not actually damaged in fighting, and was largely repaired as an ancient monument in the 19th and early 20th centuries. It was here that from a gateway in the walls (clearly visible on the stamp) facing the main square of Carnarvon town, the Prince of Wales was proclaimed in 1911. He is, of course, the present Duke of Windsor.

Least known amongst the castles is Carrickfergus, on the lowest (and consequently inferior) value, but representing Northern Ireland. In the Middle Ages, Carrickfergus was an important place and royal residence, serving as Ulster's capital before the rise of Belfast. With the latter's importance, however, that of Carrickfergus dwindled, its harbor silted up, and it is now a

sleepy Irish provincial town. The artist, Lynton Lamb, is a new name in stamp design. He was born in India in 1907, educated in Bath, and at the LCC (London County Council) Central School of Arts and Crafts. Amongst his many qualifications, the outstanding ones are as President of the Society of Industrial Artists, 1951-1953, an exhibitor in the Royal Academy (of Art), member of the Council of Industrial Design, and of course a noted and gifted artist and book illustrator.

He has done many books, including one for the New York "Limited Editions Club", and has worked on many commissions, especially for the Orient Line of ships.

His present work for the post office includes the design of the Coronation Greetings Telegram Form for 1953; apart from that, he has contributed to other royal occasions, notably by designing the bindings of the lectern Bibles used for the Coronation in Westminster Abbey, 1953, and of the commemorative Bible in St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh, for the Royal Wedding of 1948.

Lynton Lamb is married with two sons. During the War he served as a captain in the Corps of Royal Engineers, and was a camouflage staff officer attached to the 8th Corps, British Liberation Army.

Model Mail Coach as Trophy

Beautifully fashioned of sterling silver, a model mail coach forms the annual award for the best entry in the competition organized by "Stampex", the British National Stamp Exhibition which is planned for January 7 to 14, 1956. This year the competition theme is "What makes stamp collectors", and the model, 3½" high and 5" long, will be awarded to the best entrant, to keep in his home for a year. After that, it has to be returned for the following exhibition, but a replica will be presented as a permanent keepsake.

The model was made by the crown jewellers (Garrard & Co.) from original drawings used by John Vidler, the contractor who built most of the British 19th century mail coaches, and is taken from a coach actually used on the run from London to Bath.

"Stampex"—the new name given to what used to be called the "National Stamp Exhibition"—is held annually, and to date the venue each time has been London's Westminster Central Hall. Patronized by thousands of collectors each year, and well supported by all stamp dealers of note, its continuity as an annual affair insure for it an excellent future. It serves as a focus for the philatelists of Britain, and tends to take the place of such events as "Days of the Postage Stamp" celebrated in other European countries.

No Study Circle for British Stamps in Britain

Possibly because the grass is always greener in the next field, there are philatelic study circles in Britain for everybody's stamps except our own. This curious facet in the British philatelic character is brought out in a note in "Stamp Collecting" (The premier and only

British weekly magazine) which reports the foundation of a Great Britain Study Circle, but one which is restricted to members of the Civil Service Philatelic Society. The magazine promises support to any public minded collector who wants to instigate such a circle, and it is not to be doubted that such a body will soon be in existence.

Just why British collectors seem to neglect their own stamps (if such be the case) is really difficult to answer. There is no doubt that the demand for British issues is continuing, and classics and middle issues command very high prices here in London.

But in the same way as there seems to be no recognized specialized catalogue of Great Britain (in spite of Robson Lowe's "Encyclopaedia of Philately") so the actual study by association and discussion seems to be neglected. Virtually all there is to be known about British stamps has been published at one time or another, and even the British post office has somewhat relented in its uncompromising attitude towards stamp collectors. Maybe a really influential study circle can do still more to help "subdue" the postal authorities?

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Forgery, New Air Mails From Spain

Five denominations of Spain's new airmail set were released November 1. They are 25c, 1, 1.40, 4.80 and 5 Pesetas. They will replace the current La Cierva set which design has been around since 1939.

Still to come are 20c, 50c, 1.10, 3, 7, and 10Pts. No first day has been announced for these. The design of all shows an airplane flying above an ancient caravel. Carlos Lenze, Barquillo 29 Madrid, Spain who supplied the information advises that there is a dangerous forgery in existence, in some quantity, of the 10Pts. high value of the Montserrat set.

This set of thirteen, according to the Scott Catalog, commemorates the building of the old Monastery at Montserrat started in 1031 and of the image of the Black Virgin, said to have been carved by St. Luke.

The design of the forged stamp is listed as type A92 by Scott's--it has a profile view of the Black Virgin. Mr. Lenze states that a comparison with the 25c of the same design will prove it one has a genuine or forged copy.

On the forged stamp there are two horizontal lines above the word ESPANA instead of a single line. The accent mark above the "N" of Espana is curved on the genuine and does not touch the border line.

Also, on the originals there are

two horizontal lines above the 'R' of MONTSERRAT from which the lower is generally absorbed by the tops of the letters of the name. On the forged item there are two lines separated from the shadowed word MONTSERRAT.

The white circles of the frame surrounding The Virgin design are irregular on the phony. The lips and chin of the Virgin are different on the forged when compared with the genuine.

Mr. Lenze as member of the G.E. de Filatelia, an organization of Spanish stamp dealers, will check copies for readers if they will pay the return postage. The G.E. de F. will appreciate hearing through Mr. Lenze of any copies of the forgery which come on the American market.

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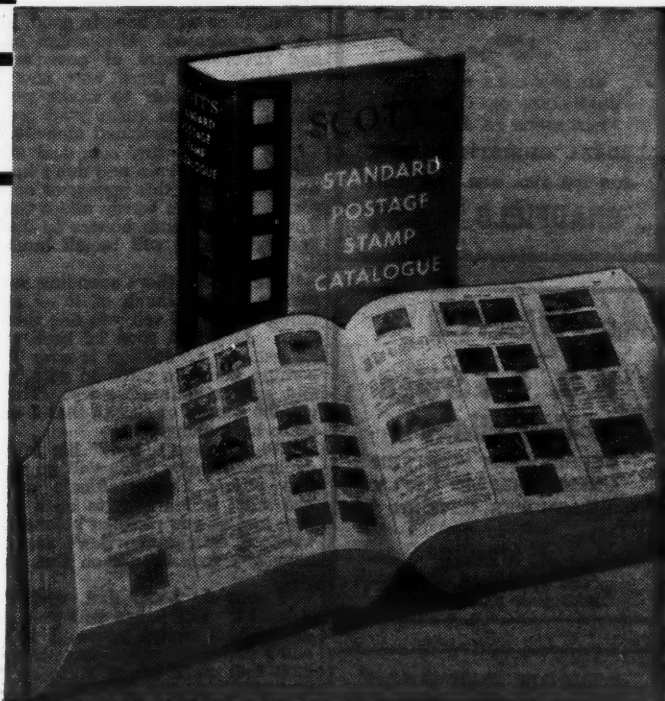
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SOUTHERN SUNSHINE

Col. A. C. Townsend

Christmas, 1894, and Charlie was home from Dartmouth for the holidays. He had arrived late the preceding afternoon and his father was waiting for him at the station with the horse and buggy. They had driven out to the old home near the edge of town, and he had rushed to the kitchen to hug and kiss his mother. Soon they had dinner, and after things were cleaned up they had sat out on the wide piazza that ran on three sides of the house. Until dark there was a rapid exchange of questions and answers.

Then they had moved into the living room, where there was another hour of happy talk and then to bed.

Now, after breakfast, he was again sitting in the piazza with his father. It was a fine old house built by his great grandfather, out in the country at first but now within the limits of the town, with a great lawn and magnolia trees and bushes of cape jessamine and mockingbirds and redbirds. They had taken a walk about the small farm with its huge old barn, the slave cabins, now occupied by a foreman and laborers, and Charlie questioned his father closely as to cotton, cane and corn prospects, and they had returned slowly to the house on account of his father's limp.

Conditions were none to good, his father confessed. Mississippi had had several years of poor crop conditions and there was now a shortage of water to make good crops. "Can you meet your payrolls, Dad?" questioned Charlie.

"We have so far, son, and still can if we have rain and don't have any hurricanes this spring or summer. Don't you worry about that. You graduate with honors in June and everything will be all hunky-dory."

"And I'm up there spending your money — too much of it — and living high. I'll tell you one thing, Dad. June will soon be here and as soon as graduation is over I'm coming home to pitch in with you and stop spending money. There will be plenty of things that I can do to help along."

"No you won't, son," his father declared firmly. "You will go right into Judge Featherstone's office and start in learning to be a lawyer, just as you planned before you went to college, so don't let me hear any foolish talk on that subject."

"I can do both, dad, and I'm going to. The judge will give me light hours in his office, I know, and I can help around here a good deal and do a lot of studying by night."

His father opened his mouth to give orders, then quickly changed his mind, and instead he grinned at his son. "You'll be wanting to play with that stamp collection of yours nights unless you have stopped that foolishness. Have you?"

Charlie grinned back at him. "No, I haven't. Of course I don't spend any money on it, but I get a lot of stamps from a few foreign students and can exchange duplicates with other collectors, so my collection is growing slowly. And please don't you keep calling it foolishness, dad. It really is quite a help in my school work. You get a smattering of geography, history, famous men and battles — Oh! all sorts of things. And I just found out this winter that one of my professors is an enthusiastic collector and a deep student of stamps. What do you think of that?"

His father stared at him. "You mean to tell me a college professor has time for that sort of monkey business? Good thing that I didn't know that before or you'd never have gone there. Humph!"

Charlie abruptly changed the subject. "Gee! These are com-

fortable rockers, dad. Hard to buy such rockers now, eh?"

"These rockers were never bought, Charlie. Your grandpa and Meddie Scruggs made them, and a lot of other things about the place. I wish you had known your grandpa better. You don't hardly remember him, do you?"

"Sorry to say I don't. I have a faint remembrance of watching him stomp about the place, and walking around with him, and his letting me sit in the barn with him while he made things, but I had no idea what things he made. Who was Meddie Scruggs?"

Charlie's mother had appeared at the door and was smiling at them. Don't ask your papa questions like that, Charlie. He is getting old, though the only way he really shows it is that he is living more and more in the past. Ask him the family name of one of his pals and like as not he can't remember. But ask him about Meddie or any other real old friend and he can give you his life history and the name of his dog and so on. And we'll never find time for any more visits if you start questions of that sort."

"Now that ain't so ma, and you know it. Charlie asked about his grandpa and I was just telling him that he and Meddie made a lot of our chairs, beds, desks and so on. And then he asked who Meddie was. I had to tell him, didn't I?" Before his wife could reply he went on hastily. "Scruggs is an odd name but belongs to a fine old family. Your grandpa was kept out of the war by that clubfoot, and Meddie by deafness, so the two of 'em chummed up and as both were mighty handy with tools they worked and chummed it for long years. Then Meddie's family moved to Alabama."

"Your grandpa was wonderful with tools," Charlie, smiled his mother. "He made that big flat desk in the living room, among a lot of other things, and he..." She broke off because her husband had suddenly laughed.

"Scuse me, ma," he grinned at her. "You made me think about the sunshade pa made for that desk. I'll have to tell Charlie about it. That'll show him the kind of man his grandpa was."

She smiled at her husband and patted his cheek as he put his arm around her. "I guess you are in for it, Charles. I'm going in to churn and by the time he gets that story out of his system I'll be back with a nice pitcher of cold buttermilk for you two."

Dad settled back in his chair, grinning broadly, and started on his story. "Grandpa, we've told you, was mighty set in his ways. If he was makin' something that he saw wasn't going to turn out to be just what he wanted, he'd go ahead and finish it anyway and then put it up in the loft of the barn and start a new one. And when he made something for the house he put it right where he had planned to put it, and there it had to stay for good."

"It was that way about his big desk. He made it for the north-west corner of the living room. It really is a lovely piece, and when he and Meddie got it done they lugged it in and put it there one morning and gloated over it, and then

he put all his account books and papers in it, and late afternoons when he came home from the post office he'd settle down there and work. But pretty soon he began growling because the late afternoon sun would throw a lot of light right in his face.

"Mother laughed at him and told him to move the desk to the opposite corner, but he wouldn't do it. That desk was made for just where it was and there it would stay. But he growled so much at the light that Mother fired up one afternoon and asked him why he didn't make a sunshade to put on it and stop all his fussing and growling and give us a little peace before supper."

"That hadn't occurred to him, and he brightened up and said he'd do just that. He thought about it a while and then he grinned to himself and nodded. And the next morning he went down town and came home with a big school slate. I guess you remember those slates? Just a plain wood frame with a little red or blue string binding the slate into place. He took that out to his shop and in about an hour he made a little stand and upright for it, and he brought it in and set it on the desk and called mom and me to come see it."

"Well, instead of praising it mom cracked her heels and laid the law down. She wasn't going to have that slate in her living room for folks to laugh at, not by a jugful! And they argued about it until he

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SOUTHERN SUNSHINE
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gave in and said he'd paint the frame and put something pretty over the slate and then he hoped she'd quit nagging him. But ma didn't want the slate there at all, so finally he took the thing to pieces and took out the slate and ma gave him a piece of pretty stuff and he glued that into the frame and set it up on his desk and ma said it would do, so we had peace again.

"But only until late that afternoon, because the sun was pretty

strong and the light sifted through that piece of cloth and still got in his eyes, and the fat was in the fire again. He growled and mused his hair a bit, and then he slapped his leg and said he knew just how to fix things.

"We asked him what — I can see him right now, plain as day! — and pa said, 'I'll take a sheet of those Yankee stamps I was told to send back the damyankees and paste them over the cloth! That'll make it thick enough to keep out the light!'"

Charlie jumped to his feet and grabbed his father by the arm. "Wait a minute, Dad!" he cried. "What stamps?"

"Why those stamps he had on hand at the post office when war was declared. You know he was postmaster before the war and as he couldn't join up they kept him right on that job. This desk business I'm telling you about happened in late May 1861. Postmaster General Reagan had sent all postmasters orders to make up their records to the last of May and then send the money and the rest of their stamps on hand to the U. S. Postmaster General, and pa was pretty sore about having to do that. What of it? What's up?"

"That sheet of stamps might be worth some real money if he did that, dad. Put it in the frame, I mean. Go on and tell me all about it, if you remember."

"Remember? Of course I can. I remember it all plain as day. He told mom what he was going to do and she said he hadn't any right to take those stamps, even if they did belong to the Yankees, and Mr. Reagan had given him his orders about them anyway. But pa insisted he was going to send the money all right, but the stamps were going to be replaced by new Yankee stamps, so didn't have any value anyhow, and he was going to fix up that dadgummed frame with a sheet of them and that was all there was about it!"

Charlie's mother appeared at the door with a tray and glasses and a pitcher of fresh buttermilk with golden flecks floating on it, and as she served them she asked what all the to-do was about. So Charlie hastily explained, and asked dad to finish the story, and ma smiled and sat down to hear the rest of it.

"Well, the next day he brought home a sheet of one-cent stamps, mighty pretty, with a picture of Franklin on them, and wet it and pasted it carefully on the piece of cloth in the frame, and it did look pretty nice. (Charlie was mopping his face but keeping very quiet). But the late sun worked right through the frame, stamps and all! Pa was mad as the dickens and next day he brought home two more sheets, one with Washington's picture and one with Jefferson's. (Charlie shook his head at his mother in doubt, but she nodded vigorously—if pa said it was so, it was so! so he kept quiet). Pa said 'We got as much right to those forefathers as the damyankees have, so we won't be ashamed of having them around the house!'"

He stopped his tale to pour himself another glass of buttermilk and take a large swallow and Charlie said quickly, "Go on, dad. How long did he use it and what became of it?"

"Not very long, son. Folks that came in to visit would take a look at it and grin and ask him if he was starting an art gallery and things like that, so he and ma had

another setto over it, and at last he said the doggone sun glared at him over the top of it and later on down the frame and he finally moved it over to the corner where it is now, and then there was peace around the house."

"But what became of the frame, dad. That's what I want to know. Have you any recollection?"

"Certainly I have! Think I'd forget a thing that had made all that trouble? He wrapped some newspaper around it and tied it up and took it out to the barn and put it up in the barn loft among the other stuff that he was going to work on some time and never did. Why all the curiosity and excitement, anyhow?"

"Let's go to the barn and hunt for it, dad. Mom, if we can find that thing and the stamps are not sun ruined and not damaged they may be worth good money. They are the stamps issued in 1857. That one-cent Franklin has some minor varieties and some of them are worth a lot of money. The one with Jefferson's head is a five-cent one and they are really good. Do you remember the color of the other one, Dad? Was it green or a sort of red-orange? Each of them has the head of Washington. Sort of red? Then it was the common three-cent stamp, but they have a little value in blocks. Let's go dig! Call us when dinner's ready, mom, if we are not back by that time."

It took two hours of digging and moving things, and dad had to stop and talk about different relics that turned up as they moved things, but eventually they came across what dad declared was that frame, still tied up in yellowed newspapers, and they carried it tenderly down to the workshop and opened it with all the care in the world, and there stood the sunshade in all its glory — with a hundred copies of Washington's benign face looking at them, and tiny bits of edging showing that the other two panes of stamps were behind the General!

NOTE: Do not think this too impossible. About 1893 the writer saw such a sunshade on a desk in the Department of Justice with a sheet of Justice on it. He got the owner to agree to accept another better shade for it, got one at Loudermilk's on F Street and made the exchange. The stamps were somewhat sun faded, but still a sheet.

Ceres Catalog For France, French Area

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The LaSalle Hotel, scene of the first one will be the place of the next. Booths will be set up in the grand ballroom.

Inquiries can be directed to Midwest Postage Stamp Show, c/o Harold Cohn, 3131 Lincoln Ave., Chicago 13, Ill.



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Dec. 20—Italstamp Co., 1043 White Plains Rd., Bronx 66, N. Y. Italy, Colonies, Vatican, Trieste, Fiume.

UNITED KINGDOM COMMENT (Continued from page 46)

It is always sad to note the death of old and prominent philatelists, but doubly so when the death could have been avoided as it could have been in the case of H. C. V. Adams. This veteran collector of Great Britain was killed in a road accident a month or two ago.

His magnificent collection of classic Great Britain material, which won the Grand Prix at the London International Stamp Exhibition of 1950, and was rivaled only by the equally marvelous collection owned by the late Mr. Seymour, will be dispersed at a series of auction sales conducted by Messrs. Robson Lowe Ltd., of Pall Mall.

I clearly remember the Adams display at the 1950 exhibition, replete as it was with rare and valuable proofs, essays, and other show pieces. Naturally it included all the scarce varieties, and such lots as complete mint sheets of the £5 Queen Victoria stamps on blued paper, an exceedingly valuable item as a single, and represented by a staggering value in purchasing power at the time it was bought and locked away.

Mr. Adams' collections (there were many of them) will be broken up in a series of sales, commencing with a sale of the Chile items on September 28, and continuing with the philatelic library on October 5.

Other Robson Lowe auction lots include a set of the 1838 Chalmers Essays, and 1840 Postmaster's Notices, both sold on September 21. And if you are interested in market prices of G. B. material, there is a mint pair of the 1d black on sale, with full original gum and perfect margins (corner letters JH - JI) at £50 (\$140). Not bad for a face value of 2c, and for a stamp of which many millions were printed and sold.

Stanley Gibbons expand

Evidently the astounding success of Minkus Publications has not gone unheeded in London, where Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., Britain's premier philatelic house, is taking over the Army & Navy Stores Philatelic Department effective September 5. In charge will be Miss Margaret Hall. The position of the Stores may be compared to that of Saks 5th Avenue. It is a very old established business, patronized by a more than exclusive clientele, although it also caters to the shopper with a slimmer purse.

Stanley Gibbons, by the way, will be 100 years old in March 1956, and part of the plans announced is an exhibition at the Waldorf Hotel, displaying items of interest from the firm's history. It is more than doubtful, however, whether the legendary sack of Cape Triangulars, won by British sailors as a prize in a Cape Town raffle, and sold by them to Stanley Gibbons, (then working as a part time dealer from his father's chemist's shop.)

for \$2 (about \$10) can now be re-assembled. At that time, Gibbons lived in Plymouth, a town which has still strong connections with the business, though of course they have long since moved to London.

Answers To Correspondents

I shall be happy to answer all correspondence on Great Britain stamps. Please write to me, c/o the Editor, Linn's Weekly Stamp News, Sidney, Ohio, who will be happy to forward mail as quickly as possible. Queries of general interest, and answers to them, will be published in this column.

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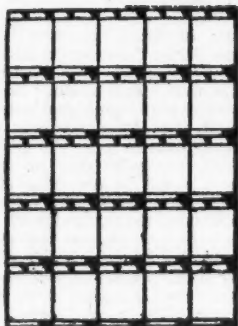
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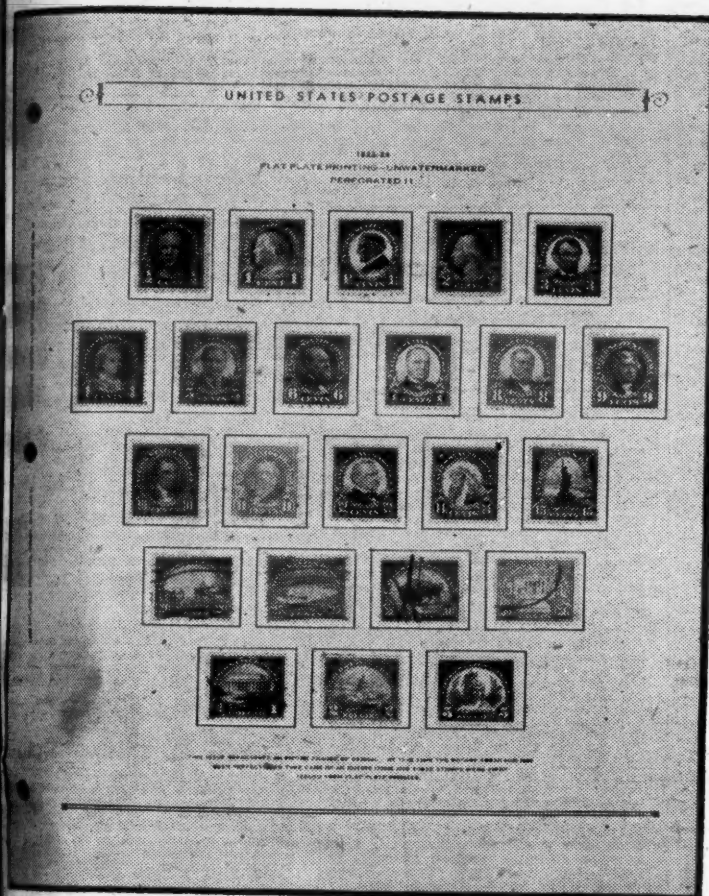
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Chile's first airmail stamps were produced by surcharging existing regular postage stamps with new values and overprinting them with wording to denote their use for airmail.

EXHIBITIONS

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of increased prices later on. It may be smart on the part of the Czech government to add the admission price to the costs of the sheets and to announce a future price increase to bolster sales, but we of the philatelic fraternity take a dim view of all these practices and sooner or later we all will bow out, if these schemes do not stop.

In Central Europe, the Federal Republic of Western Germany is the most active country when it comes to stamp shows, dealers' bourses, etc. and they have so many local affairs that it is very hard to keep track of them. The outstanding German event was however the A.P.H.V.-HANDLERTAG in Berlin on September 5 which was staged by the "Allgemeiner Postwertzeichen-Handlerverein."

German philatelists have a big project in mind, the creation of the first "House of Philately." Shortly after the A.P.H.V. meeting, the "WESTROPA" opened on September 14 in Dusseldorf, to last till September 18. "Westropa" stands for "Westeuropäische Postwertzeichenausstellung." Two stamps were released in a most modern design, one a 10pf plus 2pf showing a dove and a magnifying glass, and a 20pf plus 3pf depicting a posthorn and a pair of stamp tongs, the surtax going to the Federation of German Philatelists.

Then there was the "SILVER JUBILEE INTERNATIONAL STAMP DEALERS' BOURSE" on September 21 and 22 at the Waldorf Hotel in London, England, staged by the Philatelic Traders' Association.

Our good friends "down under" in Australia and New Zealand have made excellent philatelic progress in the last years and have staged their first stamp shows. First New Zealand got under way and started on July 18 her "NEW ZEALAND STAMP EXHIBITION" in Auckland. It was in celebration of her first centenary of postage stamps and three beautiful stamps were released. The exhibition was a howling success with exactly 13,313 paid admissions which is excellent when you consider that the islands have a population of less than two million.

Australia has its "ANPEX", the Australian National Philatelic Exhibition, to celebrate the centenary of the first South Australian Postage Stamp. The event took place at the Town Hall, Adelaide, from October 17 to 22. One commemorative was issued for it.

Australia with a population of only 9,000,000 has well over 100 stamp dealers. The Australian Stamp Dealers' Association has approached the Australian Postmaster General's Department to institute a system of licensing of bona-fide stamp dealers as is already done in New Zealand.

The last philatelic event of this year in Europe took place in Lausanne, Switzerland from October 15 to 23. It was called the "NATIONALE BRIEFMARKEN-AUSSTELLUNG" in German or "EXPOSITION NATIONALE DE PHILATELIE" in French. It was held in the "Comptoir Suisse" (a leading Swiss Bank) building. Prior to this event a lovely Souvenir sheet in not less than eight different colors was released on February 15 of this year.

It shows the Lausanne Cathedral on both values, 10c and 20c, and was printed by the famous Swiss stamp producing firm of Courvoisier. The price of the sheet is 2fr and the net proceeds were used for the purchase of exhibition frames. The show was staged by the Association of Swiss Philatelists and the F.I.P. An outstanding attraction of the Exhibition was a Historical Show of the Swiss Postal Administration.

Merano, or Meran in German,

high up in the Alps and close to the Austrian border but still in Italy was chosen as the site for the "VIII International Stamp Exhibition" which took place from September 30 to October 2. Merano is lovely all right, but it is a rather small resort town and I wonder why the Italian philatelic organizations have picked it. Milano, Torino, Rome, Florence and a score of other large Italian cities would have been much better suited.

On account of the VII Conference of the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain, the Third National Philatelic Exhibition took place from October 28 to November 6 in Bogota, the capital of Colombia. It was organized by the Philatelic Club of Bogota and was under the protectorate of the Colombian Ministry of Communications, Philatelic Department.

At the same time a "Philatelic Literature Contest" took place, open to books, magazines, papers, catalogues which deal exclusively with philately and which appear in Spanish, French, English and Portuguese in any of the countries which form the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain.

The last philatelic event in the Western Hemisphere this year will be "CUPEX", Cuba's International Centenary Philatelic Exhibition in Havana from November 12 to 19 in the beautiful and most impressive "Palacio de Bellas Artes".

This summer while in Havana I visited it and took a snapshot. It is right in the heart of the city and should provide the proper setting for this important exhibition. "CupeX" is in honor of three postal events in the history of Cuba: 1)-the 100th anniversary of the first Cuban stamp and of Puerto Rico which appeared in Cuba on April 24, 1855; 2)-the centenary of the first stamps overprinted in Cuba and the world, the "Y4" on November 19, 1866; 3)-the 50th anniversary of the first stamps printed in Cuba as a sovereign state.

As an added inducement to American philatelists the American Air Mail Society will hold its convention during the period of the exhibition.

I have only listed the major philatelic shows and exhibitions of this year and not mentioned the numerous local affairs. When you look over the list it is quite an impressive roster, and shows more than anything else the progress philately has made all over the world.

The coming year should also prove to be a good one as far as stamp exhibitions are concerned. Already India has announced the "BOM-TOPEX" which stands for "The Bombay Topical Stamp Exhibition" to be held in Bombay

from February 20 to 26. And there will be the "THIRD JUGOSLAV PHILATELIC EXHIBITION" in short "JUFIZ" which will take place at Zagreb, Yugoslavia from May 20 to 27.

Philately gains new adherents every day, populations are on the increase everywhere, a new generation is coming of age, more people are making more money than ever before and will spend it on all kinds of hobbies, and that means stamps, in our case. If peace prevails I see nothing but good times ahead and that holds good for everything, and not only for stamps. The big task ahead of each of us, collectors and dealers alike, is to promote our hobby in every possible way. We simply have to convert a lot of hitherto indifferent laymen and of growing youngsters into ardent collectors and the best way to do that is to stage stamp shows and exhibitions and draw the general public's attention to philately.

We of the fraternity know what a wonderful, relaxing, instructive (I let it go with only 3 adjectives) hobby stamp collecting is. So let's spread the Gospel!

Toronto Exhibition Planned For March

The annual exhibition of the North Toronto Stamp Club, Toronto, Canada will be March 24, 1956 under the chairmanship of Russ Wainwright. The recently elected officers of the club and various members are now in the midst of preparations for it.

W. J. Banks is president; J. H. Whitehead treasurer; R. Tipper recording secretary; R. H. Lant, 164 Highborne Rd., Toronto, Canada corresponding secretary.

Meetings are always open to interested collectors. They are held the second and fourth Thursdays at the North Toronto Memorial Gardens, 180 Eglinton Ave. West at 7:30 p.m.

Wettach Named First President Of New Club

The first election of officers which the Fair Lawn Stamp Club ever had resulted in George Wettach being named president. This new society also chose Norman H. Lee as vice president; and John Gayer, 33-06 Rosalie St., Fair Lawn, N. J. as secretary-treasurer.

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